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Probe sought on illegal hiring practices

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REPORTER

"Managers," "accountants," "industrial engineers," and "teachers" are being hired for the CNMI's minimum wage of \$5.05 an hour, the same rate offered to "commercial cleaners" and "administrative assistants" despite stark differences in the nature of these jobs.

Other employers impose requirements that don't seem to match the job or the salary offered—they either inflate or deflate the qualifications. For example, "commercial cleaners" are required to have at least 20 years experience.

These are just examples of the thousands of job vacancies advertised in different media—newspapers, television, radio, and online—since



Sablan

September to comply with the law that employers must try to hire U.S. workers first before filling up these vacancies with foreign workers.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) said yesterday that he has already spoken to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services representatives and "have asked that they in-

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New House casino bill prefiled

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Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan) and Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), along with three other House members, prefiled yesterday a new House bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan, a few days after Saipan voters were polled on their views on casinos and a month after

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial vetoed a "local bill" on the same matter.

The 29-page House Bill 17-240 is expected to be introduced in today's session.

"My main concern is that we do something [about the economy and our people]," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*. "We cannot sit back and let the

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DPS chief tells staff to give info to OSC

» **Mafnas says ex-commissioner received OSC's letter**

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Department of Public Safety Commissioner Ramon C. Mafnas said he has instructed DPS personnel to begin gathering the information being asked by the U.S. Office of Special Counsel in connection with its investigation of DPS deputy commissioner Ambrosio Ogumoro.

OSC initiated the investigation after receiving a complaint that Ogumoro allegedly violated the Hatch Act when he asked DPS employees to attend and bring food for the Oct. 5, 2010, campaign rally for recently confirmed Superior Court associate judge Joseph N. Camacho, who was at the time a delegate candidate.

In a Tuesday email to the media,
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ALL SET FOR VETERANS DAY

A bus with the same colors as those on the American flag drives past the American Memorial Park, which is being spruced up for the Veterans Day commemoration ceremony to be held there on Friday.

This year's commemoration will be held on Nov. 11, 2011, or 11/11/11, at 11am.

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Local

Members of the visiting team from the accreditation commission share a light moment during a short break yesterday at the board meeting. From left are Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges associate vice president Norval Wellsfry, a member from the Kapiolani Community College Susan Murata, University of Guam senior vice president Dr. Helen Whippy, and Windward Community College chancellor Douglas Dykstra.

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ACCJC team observes NMC board in action

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Members of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges yesterday spent hours observing how the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents conducts business and makes decisions for the welfare of students.

The visiting team is composed of ACCJC associate vice president Norval Wellsfry, University of Hawaii Windward Community College chancellor Douglas Dykstra, University of Guam senior vice president Dr. Helen Whippy, and Kapiolani Community College's Susan Murata.

Wellsfry said the team will be making an exit report for the college at the end of their three-day visit. He declined to elaborate and refused to comment on other accreditation issues when pressed.

Yesterday's meeting started at 10am. During the 30-minute lunch break, Wellsfry's team were seen lining up at the school cafeteria. They returned to the boardroom at 2pm when meeting resumed. Throughout the meeting, ACCJC team members were seen individually taking notes as the board

discussed several matters.

NMC is currently on probation due to some commission concerns that they college has yet to address when it was still on show-cause status. The commission will meet in January 2012, during which it is expected to decide on NMC's accreditation status.

Galvin Deleon Guerrero, NMC's accreditation liaison officer, said yesterday that the visiting team has been meeting with various college committees since Monday.

He said that NMC is now preparing to submit a supplemental report in December that will incorporate the latest developments and progress at the college that were not fully covered in the Oct. 15 report. Among these is the passage of a legislative initiative at the Legislature that affirms NMC's mission and goals.

In line with NMC president Sharon Hart's goal to offer online courses, he said the commission has also made it clear that this should be reflected in the college's policy.

NMC, he said, is also working on a self-study report that is due in 2012.

The accreditation team is expected back at the college around October next year.

\$60M master plan for NMC finally presented to regents

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A \$60-million facilities master plan for the Northern Marianas College that has been in the works since 2009 was finally presented to the Board of Regents yesterday but regents only adopted the project's principles as they have yet to identify a location for the future campus.

Facilities manager John Guerrero said that the master plan, prepared by NMC consultant BECA International Consultants Ltd., is composed of 10 stages. The entire project is expected to take up to 12 years to complete.

The master plan will guide NMC in how it will develop its campus in the next five to 10, identifying the size and location of new buildings, existing buildings that will be kept, and the sequencing of demolition and construction.

The BECA plan provides space requirement that can be used for any location that NMC may choose but the consultant used the property in As Terlaje for specific stages of the proposal.

NMC president Sharon Hart and Students Services dean Leo Pangelinan urged the board yesterday to approve stage 1 of the project, which includes designing classroom buildings, student center, library, and a lecture hall.

Building D-1 currently serves as the biggest lecture hall on campus but it can only accommodate up to 75 persons. The existing student center has also been identified as too small and "unfriendly" to students, while classrooms need to be modernized to meet program needs such as science laboratories and computer labs.

Based on BECA's assessment, most of the classrooms in Building A need to be refurbished, relocated, or replaced.

Hart pointed out that approving stage 1 of the plan will serve as a starting point that will move the project forward, while the college continues to explore avenues to secure additional funding.

Stage 1 is estimated to cost \$27.5 million. Once approved, NMC will begin looking for consultants who will do the architectural and engineering designs.

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Fitial appoints Igisomar as Commerce secretary

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial nominated yesterday Sixto K. Igisomar as Department of Commerce secretary, over a year since Igisomar started holding the post in an acting capacity when Michael J. Ada stepped down.

Igisomar's nomination requires the Senate's advice and consent.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), when asked for comment, said last night that

he will refer the nomination to the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations.

EAGI Committee chair Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), in a separate interview, said once the Senate president officially refers the nomination, his panel will schedule a public hearing and review the nomination before making a recommendation to the full Senate whether to confirm or reject the nomination.

Fitial, in his one-page letter to Manglona, said he and Lt. Gov.

Coast Guard drops supplies to 7 mariners on deserted Pacific isle

HONOLULU—An HC-130 Hercules airplane aircrew from Air Station Barbers Point dropped supplies to seven mariners who are stranded on a deserted Pacific island in the Republic of the Marshall Islands Nov. 6, 2011. Seven males between the ages of 19 and 30 left the southwestern part of Maloelap Atoll en route north to Kaven Island, Nov. 3, 2011. The Royal Australian Navy liaison to the Republic of the Marshall Islands contacted Coast Guard Joint Rescue Coordination Center Honolulu watchstanders and reported the vessel as 24 hours overdue.

JRCC personnel worked

closely with Royal Australian Navy liaison in developing joint search patterns that would be used by assets of both governments. On the second day the Hercules aircrew spotted the missing men on the beach of a small island waving palm fronds near a blue vessel matching the description of the overdue 20-foot skiff.

The Republic of the Marshall Islands 107-foot patrol boat *Lomor* was diverted and picked up the survivors. The survivors were taken back to their home atolls via the Royal Australian Navy motor vessel *Miss Telitha*. (USCG)

Judge agrees with Labor decision to deny alien worker's damages claim

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman has affirmed the Department of Labor's orders that voided the contract of an alien worker and denied the worker's claim for damages.

He said that Wu Qingsong had no legal status after the termination of his job and he could not have legally worked in the CNMI, which means there is no ground to award him any consequential damages.

According to court records, Qingsong was employed with Dong In Development Corp. and Jin Dong Sik as a truck driver and mechanic from December 2001 through July 2002 and was paid by check. He left the job in September 2002 due to non-payment of his wages.

Qingsong claimed that during the seven-month period, he worked at least 80 hours per week but was not fully compensated for overtime. From mid-July 2002 until mid-September 2002, Qingsong alleged that he was never paid at all. He claimed consequential damages because of his inability to enter into a subsequent employment contract.

On Oct. 10, 2006, Labor's Hearing Office determined that Qingsong was adequately compensated for overtime and gave him no award.

Qingsong was, however, awarded \$1,800 in damages and an equal amount in liquidated damages for the period that he worked but was not paid.

The Hearing Office also found that the employment contract

was void as it was never approved by Labor. Qingsong was therefore not awarded wages for the period from mid-September 2002 to Nov. 30, 2002.

The Hearing Office determined that Qingsong was not entitled to consequential damages because of "undue delay and unclean hands."

Qingsong appealed the order to the Labor Secretary, who subsequently affirmed the Hearing Office order. In July 2008, Qingsong filed a petition for judicial review before the Superior Court.

In his order issued yesterday, Wiseman determined that the Hearing Office's decision was proper.

Eloy S. Inos "are confident that Mr. Igisomar is qualified to fulfill the vital responsibilities of this office and will be an asset to

our administration."

Capital Hill sources said the governor was not able to immediately submit Igisomar's name

to the Senate after Ada resigned last year over senators' "concerns" with Igisomar.

But Cruz, when asked for comment, said he's not aware of specific concerns about Igisomar, and would wait for the

referral of the nomination to his committee.

Igisomar, the deputy secretary of Commerce and acting secretary of Commerce, is also the chair of the NMI Retirement Fund board of trustees.

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November 10, 2011

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APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. D.P.W	10/24/2011 SSm-2011-X-059	Concrete Stage	Tanapag	Shoreline APC	Approved (10/25/2011)*
2. B&J Corporation	10/26/2011 SLRm-2011-X-060	In-Water Maintenance	Outer Cove Marina	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (11/02/2011)*
3. Mr. Rabby Syed	10/24/2011 SSm-2011-X-061	Signature Drive	Behind TSL Building	Shoreline APC	Approved (11/02/2011)*
4. Saipan TV Production	11/02/2011 SSm-2011-X-062	Photographic Activities	Shoreline Area	Shoreline APC	Approved (11/02/2011)*
5. Galaide Development	11/01/2011 SMS-2011-X-063	Galaide Estate Villas	Chalan Galaide, Navy Hill	Major Siting	Under Review

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.



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OAG defends ex-cop facing police brutality lawsuit

» Govt lawyer denies unreasonable force was used

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The Office of the Attorney General is defending former police officer Jesse Dubrall in a police brutality lawsuit filed in federal court by a man who claimed he was beaten up by Dubrall in a case of mistaken identity.

In Dubrall's answer to the complaint that assistant attorney general

Michael A. Stanker filed Tuesday, he denies using unreasonable force in arresting Jin Dong Wang Wang.

Stanker said that Dubrall admits that he had a gun, that he told Wang to get down, that he handcuffed Wang, and that Wang was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center for treatment.

Dubrall, however, denies that Wang suffered severe injuries on his

head, abdomen, buttocks, and legs, Stanker said.

Stanker said that Dubrall's conduct was privileged as an act of self-defense. "Dubrall's conduct was privileged as his acts occurred while executing an arrest warrant and his acts and force used were otherwise reasonable under the circumstances," the lawyer pointed out.

Stanker asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to dismiss the lawsuit and award Dubrall expenses and costs.

Wang, through counsel Robert J. O'Connor, is suing former Dubrall for assault and battery, false arrest, emotional distress, violation of civil rights, and negligence.

Wang, a Chinese national, is also suing DPS for negligence and violation of civil rights and former DPS commissioner Santiago Tudela for violation of civil rights and negligence.

Wang alleged that Dubrall hit him with a gun's butt and repeatedly kicked him after mistaking him for another person that police were trying to arrest on Oct. 18, 2010.

He is demanding damages of at least \$100,000. He also wants a court's injunction directing DPS to implement procedures to prevent the use of excessive force and assault of arrested persons in the future.

2 swearing-in rites for Camacho

Attorney Joseph James Norita Camacho will have two swearing-in ceremonies as the newest associate judge at the Superior Court.

Camacho will take his oath during a private ceremony today, Thursday, at 2pm, at the Office of the Governor's conference room on Capital Hill.



Camacho

Saipan Tribune learned that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial will administer the oath.

Today's swearing-in is needed in order for the administration to begin processing the paperwork for Camacho's elevation to the Judiciary.

Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* that an investiture cere-

mony, which will be open to the public, will be held on Nov. 18, 2011, at the CNMI Supreme Court at 10am.

The Supreme Court is expected to issue a public announcement about the ceremony.

Ramona V. Manglona also had two swearing-in programs as chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Camacho, a former House floor leader and government prosecutor, will replace Manglona as Superior Court associate judge. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Lamar joins healthcare corp. board

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Dr. Dan Lamar, the medical director for the Public Health Division, is now a voting member of the healthcare corporation board after being named acting director for Medical Affairs.

His appointment is limited to working with the board and the chief executive officer until a person is permanently named to the Medical Affairs position.

Lamar confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that he and one of the hospital's physicians, Dr. Michael Deary, have



Lamar

agreed to divide the tasks of the Medical Affairs director, with Deary handling internal operations.

Lamar said that he has already attended a series of board meetings since the corporation's formal takeover of the Commonwealth Health Center on Oct. 1 and has been working collaboratively with its CEO, Juan N. Babauta.

The other members of the corporation board are Joaquin Torres, Pedro Dela Cruz, Roy Rios, Anthony

Aguon, and Babauta. One seat representing non-physician healthcare providers is still vacant. The corporation's

chief financial officer also sits on the board as a nonvoting member.

Lamar said the selection of the new member is now being coordinated among staff and is expected to be filled soon.

Lamar said that all current positions at the corporation will remain in effect until modified by the corporation.

Lamar said he does not intend to apply for the post of director for Medical Affairs because he wants to fulfill all his responsibilities as medical director for the Public Health Division.

Lamar succeeded Dr. Shirish Balachandra at the division.

The medical director plays a vital role in the discussion, planning, and implementation of the division's programs.

Deleon Guerrero, chair of the House Committee on Foreign and Federal Relations, said his office is also open to those who feel they have been a victim of unnecessary job qualifications imposed by employers.

'Registration system'

Rep. Sablan's resolution also asks the governor to order the CNMI Department of Labor to set up a registration system for U.S. citizens who have submitted job applications for available job positions advertised by CNMI employers.

He said this information should be made available to USCIS "to ensure that U.S. citizen job applicants are not unjustly denied employment opportunities" in violation of the intent of P.L. 110-229.

HR 17-75 says PL 110-229 intends to phase out nonresident employees and allow U.S. workers to fill skilled, professional, and other specialized positions within the CNMI.

It says any employer found in violation of PL 110-229 "shall be penalized to the fullest extent allowed by law."

Both the CNMI departments of Labor and Commerce recently held separate job fairs for U.S. workers, bringing together in one place all private employers needing new or additional workers so that U.S. workers can apply for these jobs. Hundreds participated in these job exhibitions.

PROBE

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investigate any legitimate allegations of companies violating hiring preferences under U.S. law."

The Fitial administration and other lawmakers claim that some employers are "intentionally making it difficult" for U.S. workers to be hired for jobs they could qualify.

Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan) and two other House members also pre-filed yesterday a resolution asking Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Delegate Sablan to request USCIS and the U.S. Attorney's Office "to look into reports of possible violations of U.S. Public Law 110-229 by CNMI employers." That law placed CNMI immigration under federal control.

"Some employers...are inflating job qualifications with very low hourly wages. Some employers are implementing job interviewing processes intended to ensure that U.S. worker applicants are rejected," Rep. Sablan said in his House Resolution 17-75.

Rep. Sablan, a former CNMI immigration director, will be introducing his resolution in today's House session.

Delegate Sablan said that "hiring preference should not be used as a tool to harass law-abiding companies, but it is equally important that the letter and the spirit of the law be honored and

that qualified United States workers be first considered for any job to be filled by a CW worker [Commonwealth-only worker]."

He said employers are going to need to attest to federal officials that no qualified U.S. workers are available to fill any position for which a CW worker is sought.

"Signing a fraudulent attestation or otherwise not complying with Public Law 110-229 could subject an employer to severe consequences. I expect that the appropriate authorities will work to enforce all applicable federal laws and regulations," Delegate Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the Fitial administration, through the CNMI Department of Labor, has already come out publicly to forewarn employers that they should not be "inflating" minimum qualifications in an attempt to prevent U.S. citizens from qualifying for available jobs.

Demapan said the governor has yet to see Rep. Sablan's newly pre-filed resolution "but this is certainly a matter that he is concerned about."

"The administration has been a strong advocate of job creation for U.S. citizens and will certainly look further into such questionable practices that are alleged to be taking place," he said.

Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), in a separate interview, said employers who are circumventing local and federal laws should be dealt with.

DPS

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Mafnas said that, as commissioner, he never received any OSC request for information pertaining to Ogomoro.

He said it was only on Tuesday afternoon that he found a letter dated Feb. 4, 2011, from OSC addressed to former DPS Commissioner Santiago Tudela.

Mafnas said the letter was asking for federal grant information from 2010 and earlier. He said the letter was stamped received by DPS on Feb. 24, 2011, and the deadline to furnish the information was Feb. 21, 2011 (sic).

Mafnas said that Tudela issued written instructions to several DPS personnel to comply with the request. "I have no direct knowledge of what the former commissioner did after he issued the instructions," he said.

Mafnas said the information that DPS personnel are now collating covers a wide range of documents on grants or loans received by DPS in 2010 and earlier.

"The amount of information requested is voluminous and significant. However, DPS will continue to gather all the information requested regardless of the time, resources and efforts required," he said.

OSC has been unable to determine whether Ogomoro is covered by the Hatch Act.

CASINO

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economy get worse without trying to help find legitimate ways to increase revenue."

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) said the government owes it to the people to restore their work hours, provide their deserved salary increases, and improve their lives, even if it takes the creation of a new industry such as a casino industry.

Cabrera and Demapan also thanked Northern Marianas College students under the Current Issues class of Sam McPhetres for conducting a survey on casinos.

Only less than 7 percent of registered Saipan voters participated in the survey, and anti-casino voters edged pro-casino voters by only nine votes.

Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said the Senate also thanks the NMC students for the survey, and will soon come up with a statement on the outcome of the survey.

The Senate killed last year a House bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan, saying Saipan voters should decide on the matter.

Meanwhile, under Demapan's HB 17-240, although five casino licenses are available, a casino commission has

the authority to issue or provide for an additional number of licenses subject to the approval of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

This cap does not apply to one casino that is owned collectively and operated by a chartered Northern Marianas Descent corporation.

Under the bill, a casino license application fee is \$250,000. This is non-refundable.

A casino license costs \$10 million, and is valid for 30 years. This has to be paid within 90 days after approval of the license application.

A license can be granted in connection with an existing hotel or resort that has at least 250 rooms, a golf course with at least 100 rooms or a convention center.

It can also be granted to an entity that will have a new investment of not less than \$100 million, inclusive of the hotel, resort or convention center.

The casino gaming tax and associated penalties will be deemed general revenues, and will be allocated for appropriation to the three islands: 20 percent each for Rota and Tinian, and 60 percent for Saipan.

The \$10 million license fee will also be deemed general revenues and will be allocated to restore the 80 work hours biweekly for government employees, and the balance will be made available to the NMI Retirement Fund.

Trades Institute promotes 67 students in six courses

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Eighteen-year-old Mathew Aaron became interested in cars when he was still a child. "My dad, Manny Aaron, has been a mechanic since he was my age, so I picked up on that," said the young Kagman resident.

His father's and his own fascination with cars prompted Aaron to take up an automotive course—Steering and Suspension—after his job at the Legislature where he works as a community worker. "I hope to open my own business and be a professional mechanic," he said.

Aaron is among the 67 students of the Northern Marianas Trades Institute who were recognized in a promotion ceremony Tuesday night. In attendance were the students' family members and friends, instructors, and other guests, including Delegate Gregorio Kili C. Sablan and Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo.

The students, who were presented with certificates, finished courses in construction, plumbing, electrical, automotive, hotel restaurant, and culinary arts.

NMTI founder Anthony Pellegrino said that they conduct the ceremony for the students every three to four months. "The idea is we try and motivate our students," he told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that NMTI helps students to learn not just in a classroom but in an actual work setting. "Most of the students grasp this concept. You see them more and more being placed in occupations. I'm very proud of the students."

Maria Manalo, 22, was the only woman in the Steering and Suspension class. "It's one of those skills that could be very necessary down the line," said

A student at the Northern Marianas Trades Institute receives his certificate in a promotion ceremony held Tuesday night. NMTI founder Anthony Pellegrino congratulated 67 students in six different courses who were promoted to their next level classes.

Manalo, who works as a guest service officer at Hyatt Regency's I Sagua Spa. "I really wanted to learn. To learn another skill is a nice thing to do."

Manalo said venturing into an automobile business is a possibility for her. "Right now, with everything going on in my life, the plans have not yet been made. It's just that the possibilities are out there."

For Tanapag resident Kalsina Patis, restaurant service was something she has always wanted to learn because she wanted to follow the footsteps of her sister who is currently working in a hotel restaurant in Guam.

A mother of three, 28-year-old Patis said she didn't mind combining work with school. "I had to so I can learn some experience."

Patis, who is employed with Topline doing housekeeping, said she encouraged her family members so that they, too, can learn new skills.

Counseling and outreach coordinator Ray Alvarez Jr. said the help that NMTI gives residents is more than just bringing in an "alternative curriculum" and providing "hard-hat, hands-on training."

"We also help them to get jobs and/or open up their own business as an option upon completion of their training here at NMTI," said Alvarez.

Additionally, Pellegrino said they continue to emphasize with their students the importance of motivation and attitude change.



"If an employee is motivated and has positive attitude, he can do anything," he said.

Aaron said working and taking up classes at NMTI at the same time has taught him more than just additional skills. "It gives me a sense of responsibility, from going to work then coming to classes. That helps me [become] a better person."

Aaron encouraged other residents who want to learn new skills to enroll at NMTI. "They will help you and that's a guarantee... they will teach you from step 1 all the way until you're finished with the course."

Asked if he is going to pursue the next level class, Aaron smiled. "Yes, because we'll be learning about engines. I'm excited."

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These are people—not just statistics

By **JOE RACE**
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Editor's Note: This following story is part of a continuing series of contributed stories related to the effects of the new federal immigration policy, as seen from the personal perspective of people who will be affected by those changes. Future stories will explore these effects not only among alien workers but also local residents, employers, etc.

This concept was inspired by the heart-warming and well thought-out essay by MHS student Kristina Valencia, recently published in the *Saipan Tribune*.

Marie Miradora

After graduating from a hotel management college in Ma-

nila, Marie Miradora came to Saipan in 1993 to work in the hotel industry. The hotels started to cut back on staff and Marie found herself needing work. She began filling in as a houseworker for several different families over the subsequent years.

Meanwhile, Marie had fallen in love and she and her now ex-husband had a beautiful baby girl named Katrina in 1995. Because of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, Katrina immediately became a U.S. citizen.

Well, here's the rub. Marie's work contract ran out in 2010 and she has been unable to find work. She managed to obtain an "umbrella permit," and is legally on Saipan until Nov. 27, 2011. There are less and less jobs every day. American citizens are moving

to the mainland, businesses are closing, and Marie is now experiencing the possibility of being deported to the Philippines. She hasn't found work in the CNMI, plus she has no prospects for employment back home. She is in great emotional turmoil, knowing that she may have to leave her only child.

What will happen to Katrina? Children need their parents' love and guidance more than ever in their teenage years. Katrina will likely find friends and relatives on Saipan that will love and care for her, and she will be able to finish high school. But most significantly and emotionally, she will be separated from her immediate family.

Estilita D. Macale

Estilita Macale came to Saipan

14 years ago as a houseworker and a part-time masseuse. Meanwhile, because of financial and unemployment pressures, her husband and she divorced. But the marriage produced a fine boy, Sean Bennett Pinala, who was born 13 years ago on Saipan and is a U.S. citizen. He is in the 7th grade and gets along well with his classmates and teachers at Hopwood Junior High School. He has *never* been to the Philippines.

Estilita has not been able to find work and is worried that she will be forced to leave Saipan, her home for the past years. She is optimistic that Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan is working on this issue. She cannot imagine leaving her son here and experiencing Christmas with an incomplete family back home. It is difficult for Estilita to call the Philippines home, as she views Saipan her lifelong home.

Malou Carreon

Malou Carreon came to Saipan some 15 years ago and worked at a variety of jobs. She had two American children on Saipan and cannot accept the idea that she might have to leave her children, even if she could find safe and loving homes for them. Her daughter is Cindy Carreon, 15 years old and a sophomore at Marianas High School. She is bright and articulate, and a whiz-bang teenager on the computer. Malou's son is Macrino Carreon Jr., 10 years old, a hardworking lad at Garapan Elementary School. She is also one of those foreign workers with an umbrella permit but unable to find work.

Only the most mean-spirited American would want to separate a mother and her children and send the mother back to the Philippines with suitcase in hand, and waving goodbye to her children at the airport.

I trust that congressman Sablan is working on this issue with the numerous government agencies. The departure dates for Marie, Estilita, and Malou are rapidly approaching. It will be heart-rending to watch the breakup of families at the airport...and unfortunately, it has already started and will continue every day leading up to Christmas and beyond. It will definitely take away the good cheer and festivities of the holiday season, and especially prominent this year, will be the lack of kindness and human justice.

Congressman Sablan, please continue your hard work on behalf of our fellow Americans.

Note: These are only a few of the hundreds of parents and children that may soon experience separation because of laws and rules, shoving aside human concerns and love. Poet Robert Browning said it clearly "Take away love and our earth is a tomb..."

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 10, 1999

Koban operations scaled down due to funding woes

Due to the limited number of police officers on Saipan, the Department of Public Safety has scaled down its operation in the island's tourist district, according to Clyde Norita, DPS assistant chief of the Office for Special Services. DPS no longer assigns police officers to regularly man the Koban in Garapan, especially on weekdays, for almost seven months now. The task of assigning police officers in the area was recently transferred to Boating Safety Commissioner Edward A. Cepeda. At least two to three men from the Boating Safety visit the Koban in the evening from 6:00 p.m. until the business establishments close around 2:00 a.m.

CNMI's airports, seaports are Y2K ready

The airport and the seaport systems for Saipan, Tinian and Rota are now Y2K compliant after months of upgrading, ruling out any possibility of a computer shutdown brought about by the millennium bug, according to Carlos H. Salas, executive director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. "We are fully prepared to meet the new millennium with confidence," he said. CPA had to beat a deadline set by the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure that airport operations has updated its systems when the computers are set to fail in the year 2000. The millennium bug could jeopardize airport operations because it may fail to fix dates, calculate transactions and perform other operations.

Nov. 10, 2000

Teno vetoes toxic compensation bill

Due to failure by the Senate to immediately act on his request for recall, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday was forced to veto legislation allowing island residents to seek damages for injuries and loss resulting from exposure to toxic substances. The lower house on Tuesday recalled from the governor's office HB 12-177, otherwise known as "Toxic Substances Exposure Compensation Act," in an attempt to save it from the veto. Since the measure could become a law by this weekend without the Senate action and Mr. Tenorio's signature, the governor said he had no choice but to disapprove it.

BOR eyes regs for entry of postsecondary institutions

The Northern Marianas College Board of Regents formed yesterday a special committee tasked to oversee the development of policies that would set its postsecondary institution regulatory powers in effect. The BOR Programs Committee has been assigned to lead the process under the guidance of experts who would assist the policy makers in the formulation of concrete rules that would serve as working regulations in screening entities aiming to establish college institutions in the CNMI. The initiative came in the wake of concerns expressed by a private institution, the Eucon International School, who earlier on lamented the lack of existing regulations that would expedite their application to offer postsecondary courses in the CNMI.


Nov. 10, 2002

Senate seeks memorial park transfer

The Senate is seeking the transfer of the Rota Veterans Memorial Park to the control of the Division of Veterans Affairs Office, as expressed in a resolution the upper House adopted Friday. The park-which sits on lot numbers 229 R81 and 229 R84 on Rota-is currently maintained by the Board of Public Lands. Senate President Paul A. Mangloña, author of Senate Resolution 13-29, is requesting BPL to designate the piece of public property to the Veterans Affairs Office, the entity charged to provide services to CNMI's war veterans. SR 13-29 expresses the need to safeguard the important memorial site for future generations.

DLNR: No objection to detonation

The Division of Fish and Wildlife and its federal counterpart-the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-have approved the detonation of live vintage ordnance on Rota, contrary to an earlier statement issued by Mayor Benjamin Manglona. The Department of Lands and Natural Resources pointed this out in a statement, saying that the agencies, together with other Commonwealth offices, had to propose a new detonation site because the old one-the Mochong area-may have potential impact on the coastal area and coral reefs. The new site is in As Matomos, which is adjacent to the parcel of land proposed by the USFWS as designated critical habitat for endangered Marianas crow.



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All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Tinian International Airport, Terminal Improvements, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 and must be submitted no later than 2:00 PM on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2011 to the Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to, demolition, building and site improvements, including concrete foundations, concrete slab-on-grade, cast-in-place concrete, roof membrane, metal roofing, thermal insulation, concrete masonry unit walls, non-structural metal framing, carpentry, gypsum board, ceramic tile, resilient flooring, acoustical ceilings, aluminum doors and frames, aluminum windows, glazing, cabinetry, toilet partitions, toilet accessories, painting, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical lighting and power, complete and ready for use all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from CNMI Capital Improvement Program. The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

The Contract period for construction of the Project in its entirety shall be One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days. Liquidated damages in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low Bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." The review will include, but is not necessarily limited to, previous projects experience, financial capability, quantity and quality of equipment and personnel, and ability to secure bonding and insurance. If the apparent low Bidder is found to be not "responsive and responsible", their Bid will be rejected and the next lowest Bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the Project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by CNMI Law or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract. A copy of the CNMI Minimum Wage Rate Determination is included in the General Provisions, Section 70-25.

Each Bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the Bid Proposal documents, with submission of their Bid Proposal.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, upon payment of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal Money Order made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at CPA Conference Room, Tinian International Airport, at 10:00 AM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this Project. All prospective Bidders are required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference.

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The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ MANUEL P. VILLAGOMEZ
Acting Board Chairman / Contracting Officer

Date: November 9, 2011

The Marianas Visitors Authority, through its security firm G4S Security Services (CNMI) Inc., has extended security services to Suicide Cliff, a popular visitor site, in response to a robbery at the site last month.

The MVA now provides security at intermittent hours at six high traffic sites: Banzai Cliff, Bird Island Lookout, Grotto, Lau Lau Beach, and Obyan Beach.

"Thanks to the flexibility of our contractor G4S, we are now able to provide a rotating shift of security personnel among the six sites," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "We are very grateful to G4S for working collaboratively with us on

MVA extends security to Suicide Cliff

this urgent matter, at no cost to the MVA or the people."

MVA board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce stressed that preventing and solving crimes cannot fall on the MVA alone.

"Crime in general should be a concern for all citizens. With regards to crimes specifically targeted at our guests, the MVA reiterates that a crime against our visitors is a crime against our community and our livelihood as tourism is the sole driver of our island economy," Aldan-Pierce said. "The MVA

does what it can to provide a nominal sense of safety at six tourist sites by posting security guards. Additionally and using available assets, we make accommodations where possible to alter the posting schedule and site. This, however, is reactionary and, given the unrestricted movement of our visitors throughout our islands, not a viable solution. What we believe the answer is in policing and community vigilance."

Banzai Cliff, Bird Island, and Grotto are located in the Marpi area of Saipan, along with Suicide Cliff, and received nearly 40,000 visitors combined in August 2011. The MVA currently dedicates over \$120,000 annually to provide security at these visitor sites. (MVA)

Fitial signs CNMI, Rota veterans' cemetery laws

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed into law two bills related to veterans' cemeteries, including one that officially establishes by law the existing federally funded CNMI Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.

The governor signed on Monday Rep. Teresita Santos' House Bill 17-172 into Public Law 17-60, designating a hectare of public land on Rota for the future site of the Rota Veterans Cemetery.

In her bill, Santos (Ind-Rota) said the people and veterans on Rota want to have a veterans' cemetery on their island, citing the financial burden and other difficulties related to traveling to Saipan every time they want to visit the graveyard of their deceased loved ones who served in the military.

Fitial also signed on Tuesday Rep. Ray Yumul's (R-Saipan) House Bill 17-144 into Public Law 17-61, to officially establish the existing CNMI Veterans Cemetery.

Yumul thanked the governor for "swiftly signing the bill into law."

"Our veterans' cemetery is now officially established and it is fitting that we continue to honor those who have served our armed forces and provide for a final resting place for them and their loved ones," Yumul told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The CNMI received over \$1.67 million grant from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in August 2005 to build the

CNMI Veterans Cemetery. Construction started a month later.

While the project has since been completed, it "has not been formally established by law," said Yumul.

Yumul said the CNMI Veterans Cemetery is officially established under the jurisdiction and control of the Office of Military Liaison and Veterans Affairs. He said the measure also sets guidelines for the operation, maintenance, and funding of the veterans cemetery.

Persons eligible for interment at the cemetery include any former member or member of the armed forces who was born in the CNMI or was a resident of the CNMI at entrance to or separation from the armed forces, or was a resident of the CNMI for two consecutive years.

Others eligible to be buried at the veterans' cemetery include spouses, widows, or widowers of eligible active duty member or veteran; surviving spouse of a veteran whose remarriage was annulled or declared void; and minor children of an eligible active duty member of veterans who are unmarried.

Others are the adult children of an eligible active duty member or veterans who were declared physically or mentally disabled and incapable of self-support before reaching 21 years old; commissioned officers of other services who were detailed or transferred to active duty and who served honorably; and the remains of eligible persons previously interred in other locations.

DPS division updates NMI fire code

The Fire Prevention and Arson Investigation Unit of the Department of Public Safety's Fire Division has updated its fire code fees and fines and will begin the permitting process and enforcement of Public Law 11-56, also known as the Commonwealth Fire Safety Code of 1988, effective November 2011. For more information, contact the Fire Divisions on Saipan, Rota, or Tinian.

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Herman Cain should come clean

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Herman Cain and Arnold Schwarzenegger don't have a lot in common, but there is this: Both were hit with allegations of serious sexual impropriety in the midst of their campaigns for high office. Voters forgave Schwarzenegger, who was easily elected governor in 2003. The same could still happen to Cain, but that might be more likely if the GOP presidential contender borrowed a page from Schwarzenegger's crisis-PR script.

In the weeks before the California gubernatorial election, the *Los Angeles Times* published a series of stories airing allegations from at least 16 women who said they had been inappropriately touched or sexually humiliated by Schwarzenegger over the course of 30 years. Schwarzenegger's response, like Cain's, was to blame his political opponents and the media, but he also accepted some responsibility.

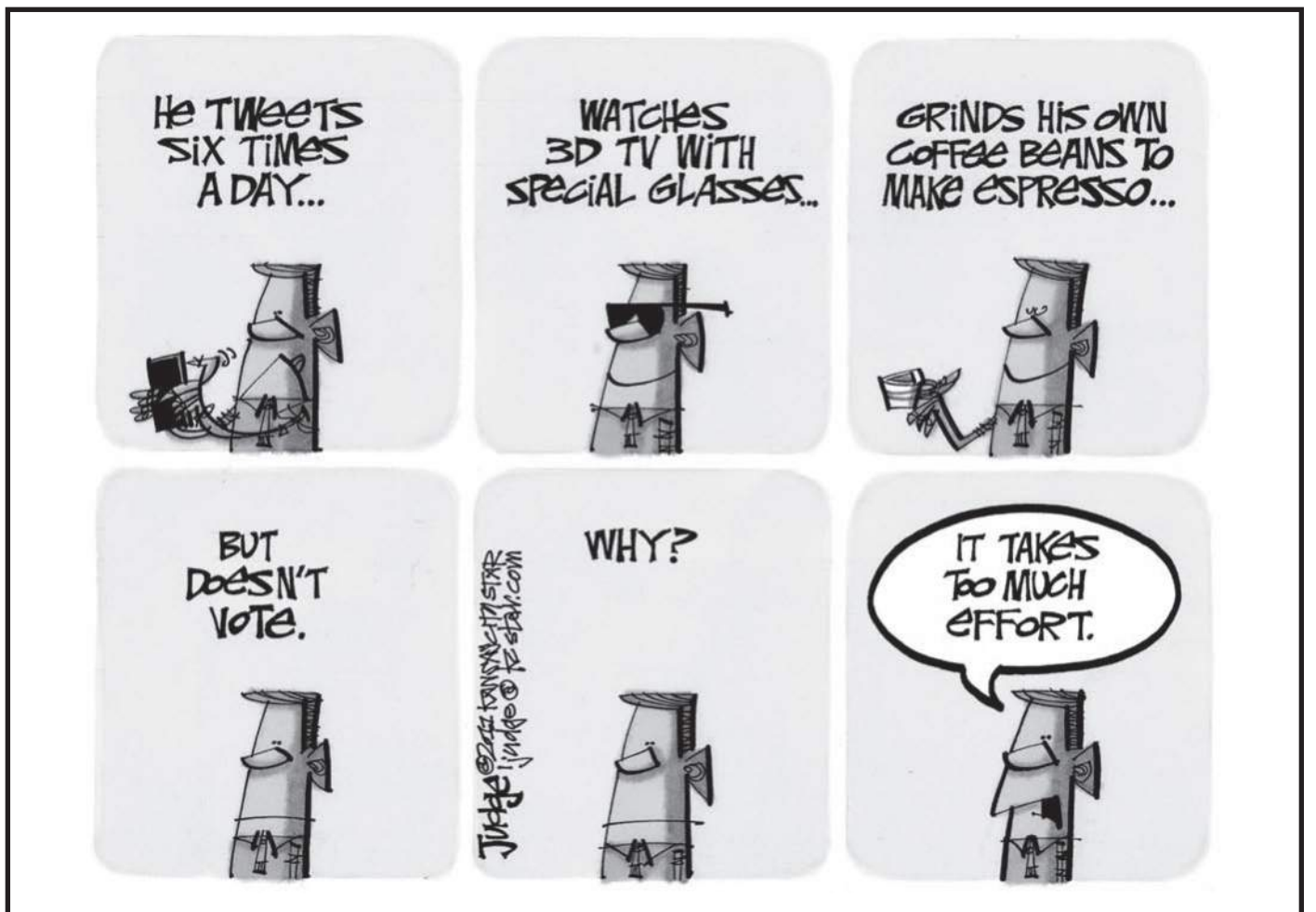
"I know that the people of California can see through these trash politics," he told a crowd in San Diego after the first article appeared in *The Times*. "Yes. And let me tell you something—a lot of those, what you see in the stories is not true. But at the same time, I have to tell you, I always say that wherever there is smoke, there is fire. That is true. So I want to say to you, yes, I have behaved badly sometimes. ...And to those people that I have offended, I want to say to them I am deeply sorry about that, and I apologize, because this is not what I tried to do."

The charges against Cain aren't as well documented as those against Schwarzenegger, but they may be uglier because he is accused of making unwanted advances toward women who worked for him at the National Restaurant Association, which if true would be a gross abuse of power.

Of course, only the participants know whether the claims are true, and if they aren't, Cain has nothing to apologize for. But blanket denials were wearing thin Monday after former NRA employee Sharon Bialek came forward alleging that Cain reached under her skirt while she was seeking his help finding a job.

Cain's three other accusers haven't revealed their identities—two of them reportedly agreed to remain silent after receiving settlement payments from the restaurant group—and the details of their allegations are unknown. But Bialek claims to have told two other people about the groping incident shortly after it happened, an important corroborating factor if true.

For the sake of his own campaign, and because Americans deserve better than the race-baiting, blame-shifting, conflicting explanations Cain has offered to date, he should stop stonewalling, answer hard questions and seek to release his accusers from their promises of silence. Candidates' consensual sex lives are nobody's business but their own, but when there are harassment or assault victims involved, it's everybody's business.



Suicide on the installment plan

For the better part of a decade I interviewed physicians for *Alternative & Complementary Therapies*, a medical journal published in New York. Most of these doctors were at the top of their fields and had much to say about therapies: those that worked and those that didn't. Every one of the physicians expressed concerns about the "American diet," and that there were certain foods that must be avoided.

Of course, the medical community is well aware of what is good for us, but the public, generally is not. That is because of the intense advertising on TV and other media. The gullible public tends to believe what they are told, even if it is wrong, unhealthy, or will even bring about their eventual demise.

So here is a partial low-down about what to avoid. Some of this information may be new to you, but it is well worth knowing, particularly if you have kids.

Sugar is just no good

If there is one substance that contributes to a wide variety of diseases and conditions, it is sugar. Here are some reasons to avoid it: It depresses the immune system, so you will get sick more easily. It contributes to a variety of cancers. Sugar can cause premature aging. It contributes to alcoholism, arthritis, heart disease, MS, varicose veins, osteoporosis, emphysema, and will increase your risk of contracting gout (which is near-epidemic on Saipan). If you want to look young, radiant, beautiful and healthy, then don't eat sugar.

It is easy to say, cut out all sugar from your diet, but that is a difficult task. Refined sugar, often in the form of high-fructose corn syrup, is in many of the foods we like: ketchup, breakfast cereal, sports drinks, cookies, cakes, pies, all sodas, fruit juices, spaghetti sauce, salad dressing, most commercial breads, and granola bars—even if it says "all natural" on the wrapper.

Drink a can of cola, or other soda, you are getting 9 teaspoons of sugar. *Nine*. That's a huge amount of sugar to take in at one time. And yet cola is one of the most popular beverages in the world. Now is the time to stop drinking it. Diet colas and other diet drinks have their own set of health risks, such as stroke and they are to be avoided also.

You won't hear this stuff on TV. You'll see the ads and you might believe them. The advertisers don't care about you or your kids; they just want your money. Buy this! Drink it!

Advice: Read the labels on food products when you shop, and keep your eyes peeled for fructose, glucose, dextrose, corn syrup, barley malt, caramel, dextran, grape sugar, maltodextrin, molasses, mannitol, and ethyl maltol.

Instead, use honey or Stevia to sweeten your coffee or tea, and substitute different flavored teas (delicious cold) for soft drinks. Ever had cold mint tea? Really good.

Do not eat processed meat products

In the CNMI, Guam and Hawaii, processed meat is king. People eat lots of it. They eat baloney, hot dogs, salami, deli meats,

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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canned ham, bacon, sausage (including the tasty Chamorro sausage) pepperoni, and other meat products that come out of the rear end of a factory.

The people who make these meat products will not tell you that eating these meats will contribute to diabetes, heart disease, and that the nitrites (added for color) may contribute to cancers. No sir, they are in the business of selling tasty products that are cheap and convenient. And if you do get diabetes or cancer, try to prove that eating processed meat for 20 years contributed to it.

Consider this: A can of processed meat, a dozen eggs, and two chicken quarters each cost about \$2.50. Eating fresh chicken or a couple of eggs is far more nutritious than eating anything that has been processed. And yet, we love hot dogs, Chamorro sausage, and bacon—what are we supposed to do? The answer is, be moderate, cut down your intake. Use your head.

Don't chew betel nut

A friend of mine is a dentist. He told me horror stories about his patients; some have developed lesions in the mouth because of chewing betel. And if there are lesions, then oral or esophageal cancer is not far behind. He shook his head sadly. Nobody bothered to tell the people that chewing betel could make them sick. Really sick.

The health concerns for chewing betel are numerous. It just makes no sense, even if it is widely practiced as part of the island culture. Some of the diseases associated with chewing betel are: cancer, diabetes, metabolic syndrome, cirrhosis of the liver, cardiovascular disease, hypertension (high blood pressure), as well as physiologic and metabolic effects on the brain, lung, gut, pancreas and the circulatory system.

Suicide on the installment plan

Diabetes is an epidemic in the CNMI and other Pacific islands. Types 1 and 2 can certainly be treated, but in advanced stages, diabetes is nasty. If left untreated, this disease can do bad things to your body: retinopathy, neuropathy, poor circulation, amputations, stroke, and heart disease. Kidney failure is also possible. People who are obese

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The Walking Dead

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Point One: As reported in last Saturday's issue of the *Saipan Tribune*, only 7 percent of voters turned out for the survey on casino gambling on Saipan. Current Issues instructor Sam McPhetres said it's "frustrating" that "a lot of people are not paying attention. They are the ones who need to decide the pros and cons on this issue. They have been spoon-fed for so long."

Point Two: The job fair drew a good number of individuals to meet with prospective employers. One of the businesses talked to over 300 people and gave applications, but said that most don't seem motivated about getting a job.

Point Three: I offered to do a training session for businesses on how to create a strategic plan that could help a company get focused and see better results in the coming year. I requested people to email

me to determine their interest. There was no response.

Point Four: I was talking to an associate who attended a meeting about the retirement program's performance. He stated that with all the issues surrounding the eventual demise of the program, there should have been a large group of interested people, but instead only a handful of people attended.

These are just a few points from many others I've observed over the past few years that indicate the general public has basically "thrown in the towel." There appears to be a stupor that keeps people from caring about the many issues we're facing. I'm sure there's some psychiatric term that can describe this situation, but my unscientific explanation is that we are "zombified" by the malaise that permeates this small community. Rather than deal with the issues and take advantage of the numerous job opportunities that are available, take a stand against the bullying of some politicians to push casinos, or take action to create a plan, many have become part of the walking dead who accept the status quo and continue to embrace an entitlement mentality.

They haven't lost all hope, because they still believe that the federal or local government will come to the rescue at the last moment and take care of them. This is based mostly on past experience. Even when it's apparent that things are going down the drain fast, they still believe something or someone will provide a solution, instead of accepting full responsibility and taking action.

What's the remedy for this apathetic state? One solution is to believe that you as an individual can make a difference. The old saying "if it is to be, it is up to me" applies here. When combined with the thoughts and will of enough people who are willing to step up to the

plate, it can become a force for action to take back their lives and be in charge of their future.

It requires enough people who are fed up with their current situation, and who are willing to take full responsibility to make things better. These are individuals who wake up from a deep sleep and choose to join with the living. They are motivated, study the issues to become informed, make plans, and then take focused action to make it happen.

To get this movement going, however, requires a vision that is so compelling that it awakens the zombified populace from their deep trance, and enlists them in a cause for the greater good. In other words, it requires a type of leadership that does not currently exist. It can start with only one person with one great idea to bring people together as one.

These leaders will have to overcome the current way of doing things, the stalled mindset that has kept things as they are, and the general apathy that causes people to lose hope on themselves and the community. We have had some in the past who were willing to go against cultural norms and speak up for the right thing to do, but the incessant browbeating from the prevailing powers that be achieved their goal to squelch any opposition.

There are numerous examples of companies and countries that have, like the phoenix, restored themselves from the ashes of despair, to revive and transform themselves. Will the story of the CNMI include such a transformation? Are there enough people who care deeply enough and are motivated enough to make a difference? Or will it continue on its downward spiral into insolvency and dependency on others? Time will tell.

As peace hopes fade, so do Israel's memories of Yitzhak Rabin

TEL AVIV, Israel—A dozen students on a field trip stood in front of the Yitzhak Rabin memorial in Tel Aviv on Tuesday to mark the anniversary of the former prime minister's assassination.

Several smoked cigarettes and stole glances at the shop windows across from the black slab of stone that marks the spot where Rabin was shot as he attended a rally in support of the Oslo Accords between Israel and the Palestinians. A few hours later, fewer than a dozen members of Rabin's former government stood in the same spot to honor their murdered leader.

Their numbers were in stark contrast to 16 years ago, when millions of Israelis filled the square as the country stood still, shrouded in mourning for the popular leader of Israel's peace camp.

Today, Rabin's legacy has been recast, if not cast aside. The once-popular peace movement now lies dormant, moribund, some would say, as Israeli and Palestinian leaders exchange mutual blame for the lack of progress.

Rabin's Labor party has shrunk to eight seats in the 120-member Parliament, and it's currently losing its core group of voters to the hawkish Likud and Yisrael Beiteinu parties.

And while Rabin's name stood sacrosanct in the years following his death, recalled by prime ministers who vied to be seen as his successor, his name now conjures a more confusing legacy for many young Israeli adults.

"I was so young when he died, but I still have the memory of everyone crying," said Jonathan Sapir, 27. "My mom couldn't stop crying, and she told me that we lost our greatest leader. Then I grew up, and I started to have questions. I mean, do we seriously want the peace process? He might have given up too much and been perceived as weak by the Arabs, you know?"

His parents may have voted Labor, but the whole family now supports the right-wing Likud movement, led by current Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Sapir said.

"There was the intifada," Sapir said, referring to a Palestinian uprising, "and everyone questioned if this was really the people we were trying to make peace with. There is a different atmosphere now on the street."

This year will be the first without a large public rally to commemorate Rabin's death. The decision was made by his daughter, Dalia Rabin-Pelossof, after last year's memorial drew a meager crowd of several thousand that failed to fill the square. Instead, a small memorial was held by those who knew him, and the Israeli parliament will mark a special session in his honor on Wednesday.

His daughter, who now chairs the Yitzhak Rabin Centre, said that she canceled the rally because "the rally costs half a million shekels yearly. ... Spending such an amount on a rally that in my opinion has exhausted itself as a memorial format is unnecessary."

Rabin's family has also asked that money from the state budget for Rabin's memorial events be redirected into private groups that can better honor his legacy.

"They don't like to see the politicians with their fake smiles of condolence hold long-winded speeches that use Rabin for their own political motives," said one volunteer with the center, who spoke to McClatchy Newspapers without official clearance from the group and asked not to be identified.

Rabin's sister, Rachel Yaakov, conveyed a similar sentiment Friday at Rabin's grave outside Jerusalem.

"They have no interest in remembering (Rabin). The current political establishment wants to obscure his character and not talk about the assassination," she said.

By SHEERA FRENKEL

McClatchy Newspapers

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Instead, she charged, the politicians now in charge supported the extremist groups that created an environment that gave rise to Yigal Amir, the right-wing zealot who assassinated Rabin.

"This was a political murder that didn't come out of nowhere. It was directed and organized incitement. It wasn't casual," she said.

In the years since Rabin's death, his killer has grown in popularity within certain extremist groups. Hardliners in Israel's settlement movement have expressed thanks to Amir and supported his wife and family as saviors of the settlement movement.

Earlier this year, a group of extremist settlers sprayed graffiti on a Muslim cemetery that praised Amir as a "true hero" of the Jewish people.

Ephraim Sneh, a former cabinet minister under Rabin, said that Israel had "let the Yigal Amirs of Israel win."

Letters to the Editor

The legacy of a once great and proud people!

Today the remnants from five different occupational periods occupy the island nations in the Marianas/Micronesian region of Pacifica. A history of time that rivals that of Egypt and Mesopotamia, the history of the "Chamorro"! It is said that these people developed unique skills in seafaring, aqueous farming, agriculture, and to carve huge, mushroom-like pillars of stone from solid rock known today as latte or taga stones.

The valiant existed some 3,000 years as rulers of their own destiny, only to fall under the flags of Spain, Germany, Japan, the United Nations, and the United States. History is told that the Spanish brought religion through Christianity to the islands; the Germans built the coconut oil commerce; the Japanese expanded the agricultural and industrial development, and the Americans brought welfare, oh, the concept of self-government. No, WELFARE!

What has happened to this mighty Pacific empire? What has the toils of being enslaved or occupied by foreign governments left for the peoples of the Marianas? One only has to look at the plight of the African-Americans to see the road less traveled. The famed Willie Lynch (who wrote and created the system to break the spirit/morale of man, hence lynching) stated, "When you free the negro, it will take them more than 400 years before they learn to free their

minds!" What shall be the legacy of the Chamorro?

The Marianas, a place that could easily rival that of Hawaii, has succumbed to the failures and depravity of those entrusted to serve and protect them. Virtually every form of structure thrives from the downfall inflicted on others. The plantation is alive and well as any one person with an ounce of authority is deemed a "boss," a throwback to colonial days. It has been demonstrated that Saipan is only supportive of its own. Look at Rota and Tinian and the lack of economic support/growth. Removal of a working population rather than learning the structures of taxing to boost the economy. Nonexisting/unenforced labor laws. A society that prides itself on not having rabies yet has hundreds, maybe more, dogs running around spreading mange. The youth and citizens robbing one another and the tourist as well.

It is said that you can tell a great deal about a business, industry, or government by looking at the cleanliness of their bathrooms and surroundings of their buildings. Need I say more?

I hear Bob Marley being played daily, almost hourly, please listen to his words. Rise, ye mighty people. You have the power of the vote. Remove those that rob the very government dollars sent to boost and rebuild the economy. All islands come together to be a collective voice. Celebrate the Chamorro/Carolinian and Micronesian heritage and rule with integrity and decorousness. The youth deserves better. The citizens, regardless of parental nationality, deserve better. Regardless of what "title" government funding comes, do the right thing for your people!

Coach Tai D. Doram
Berea, Kentucky

SUICIDE

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or overweight are at greater risk as well.

In this article I mention four things that contribute to diabetes: sugar, processed meat, chewing betel and obesity. How many of these apply to you, or your kids?






Simple solutions, but not easy

Eliminating the things we love to eat and drink from our diets is not easy, but it is simple. If you are buying chicken at KFC and you are offered a free soda, ask for a bottle of water. It's little things like that that can make the difference. Talk with your kids, with your family members; share this information with them. It could mean the difference between life and...well, you know.

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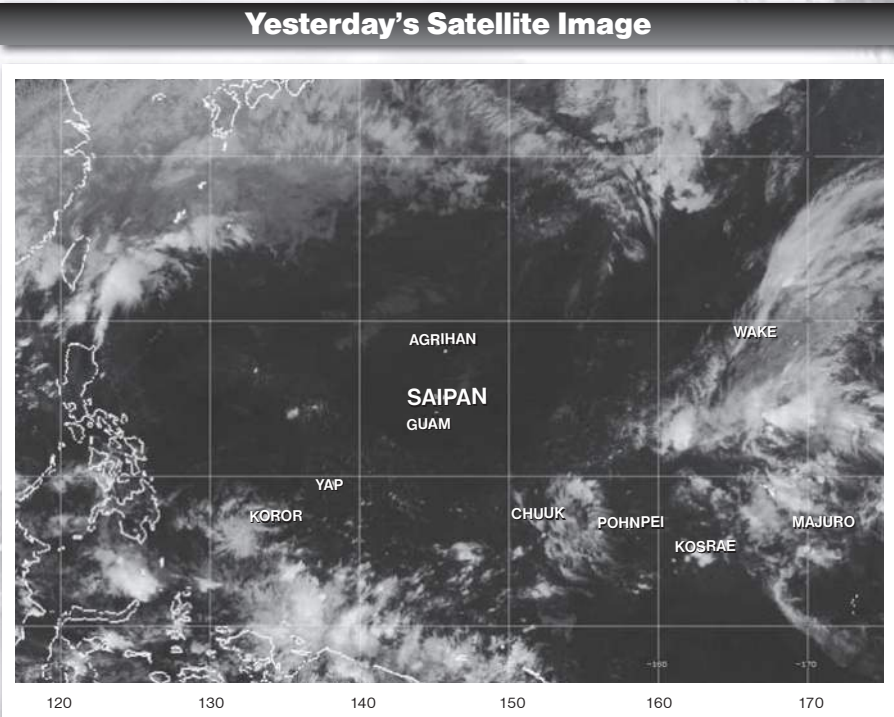
5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Sunny	▲85 ▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲88 ▼76
Chuuk	Rain	▲83 ▼76
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼72
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼75
Majuro	Rain	▲84 ▼77

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Showers	▲66 ▼53
Beijing	Sunny	▲57 ▼34
Hong Kong	Showers	▲73 ▼63
Honolulu	Showers	▲85 ▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲58 ▼51
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲72 ▼48
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼80
Melbourne	Showers	▲71 ▼52
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲81 ▼64
New York	Sunny	▲65 ▼53
Osaka	Cloudy	▲65 ▼58
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲59 ▼48
Pusan	Showers	▲65 ▼59
Rome	Sunny	▲71 ▼47
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼42
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼48
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲64 ▼52
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲59 ▼56
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲66 ▼51

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
1:15 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
7:56 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
1:29 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
6:33 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Koror and to the south or south of a line from 7N130E to 8N136E to 3N141E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between Chuuk and Pohnpei within 100 miles of a line from 5N155E to 9N154E. A surface trough extends east-northeastward from 7N160E to 12N175E. Pockets of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found near Kwajalein and Majuro between 5N and 15N from 166E to the date line. Divergence east of an upper-level trough is causing widespread cloudiness and patches of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Wake Island within 200 miles of a line from 13N162E to 23N170E.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:16 AM	5:45 PM	Today	5:14 PM	5:30 AM
Friday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM	Friday	5:58 PM	6:20 AM
Saturday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM	Saturday	6:45 PM	7:11 AM
Sunday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM	Sunday	7:35 PM	8:02 AM
Monday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM	Monday	8:27 PM	8:53 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 5, 2011

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 400	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
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Amy Marshall to be installed as Saipan Postmaster

HONOLULU—Amy Marshall will be officially installed as the Saipan Postmaster at a special program scheduled for 9:30am on Thursday, Nov. 17, in the Chamolinian Room at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Marshall has been serving as the Postmaster of the Saipan Post Office since Aug. 27, 2011. She replaced Hector Medina, who retired.

As Saipan Postmaster, Marshall will supervise six postal

employees and the distribution of approximately 6,000 pieces of mail daily to 5,700 Chalan Kanoa P.O. Box customers. She also oversees the contract postal unit operations on Capital Hill, San Vicente, and Tinian, which serve another 1,900 customers.

Marshall is a 17-year postal employee who most recently served as the Postmaster in Herford, Arizona. She began her postal career as a rural carrier in Dillon, Montana, and eventual-

ly ascended to Postmaster positions in Crow Agency, Roundup and Hardin, Montana.

"I'm ecstatic about being [on] Saipan," said Marshall. "I love the island and my fellow postal employees. I look forward to making many new friends and to providing the best possible service to our customers."

The brief installation program will feature the administration of the Postmaster's Oath of Office to Marshall by

USPS acting Honolulu District Manager Frank Santos. The event will be emceed by USPS Director of Asia-Pacific

Relations Leo Tudela.

Marshall was born in Peoria, Illinois and, after a stint in the U.S. Army, graduated from

Green River Community College in Auburn, Washington. Her hobbies are fishing, golf, and shopping. (*USPS*)

NMI eyes participation in design challenge

Registration for the 2011-2012 Real World Design Challenge is now open!

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that convincingly demonstrate the value of their solutions.

Every teacher or team that participates in the RWDC gets \$1 million in professional engineering software along with training, curriculum materials, and access to mentors.

Students first compete in a state level Governors Cup. The team with the best design in each state gets an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national finals.

CNMI private and public school teachers/coaches/school

teams are scheduled to meet today, Nov. 10, 2011, to discuss the CNMI's participation in this competition. The meeting is from 3pm to 4:30pm, at the Office of Instructional Services, second floor of the CNMI PSS Central Office (Bwoghos Road, Chalan Kanoa).

Sign up today at www.realworlddesignchallenge.org. For more information, contact RWDC state level coordinator Jeaniffer Cubangbang at 237-3014 or jeaniffer.cubangbang@cnmipss.org. (*PR*)

Opening of Christmas art exhibit reset

Local artists will have more time to prepare for the 2011 Island Artist and Christmas Crafts Exhibit as the opening date has been moved to Nov. 22.

The Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, which organizes the annual exhibit, had previously announced that the exhibit will open on Nov. 15 at the Hyatt Regency Saipan Lobby Function Room.

Arts in Education and Festival coordinator Parker Y. Yobei said the launch of the monthlong exhibit was pushed back to a later date due to venue confirmation.

"We sincerely thank Hyatt Regency Saipan for their assistance to the Arts Council in securing a venue for one of our annual exhibits," said Yobei. "We are waiting for their management to finalize and confirm the venue."

Yobei is optimistic that the rescheduling of the event will pave the way for more artists to sign up for the exhibit.

"We are hopeful that more local artists will sign up and participate in the Christmas exhibit since they will have more time to prepare for the event," he said.

Every year, the arts council sponsors three major exhibits: a women's exhibit in March, Pacifica arts and cultural exhibit in September, and the Island Artist and Christmas Craft Exhibit in December.

To register or for more information, visit the Arts Council office next to the Post Office in Capitol Hill or call 322-9982 or 83.



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Business

Oil soars but motorists don't need to worry yet

NEW YORK (AP)—Oil prices are soaring again, but motorists don't need to worry—yet.

The price of crude has jumped 22 percent since the beginning of October and is nearing \$100 a barrel. For most of the summer, oil prices drifted lower on fears that the U.S. was headed toward another recession. But those concerns have started to wane as the economy stabilizes. Political tensions in the Middle East, which produces 29 percent of the world's oil, also have helped drive up crude prices at the fastest clip since February.

So far, the big jump hasn't translated into a surge in prices at the gasoline pump. Gasoline has crept up less than 1 percent, or 3.1 cents, to \$3.41 per gallon,



In this Oct. 10, 2011 photo, motorists look for an empty gas pump at a Valero gas station in Miami Gardens, Fla. The oil market is choosing to view the barrel as half full, and the price has risen about 28 percent in a month.

peaked at \$3.98 per barrel on May 5—to flirt with \$4 per gallon early next year.

As signs emerge that the U.S. isn't headed for another recession, the price of oil has risen. When economies improve, demand for oil goes up.

At the same time, some of the world's biggest sources of oil appear to be increasingly at risk. Iran, the world's fourth-largest oil exporter, is suspected of developing nuclear weapons, according to a United Nations report released Tuesday. Its nuclear program could lead to international trade sanctions, and Israel has threatened military action.

And in Nigeria, one of the top five oil exporters to the U.S., production continues to be hampered by spills, sabotage and thefts of its crude.

Meanwhile, the world's thirst for oil continues to grow. Developing nations in Asia and the Middle East have been importing more barrels as they build factories and their people buy more cars. The Organization of

Petroleum Exporting Countries said Tuesday that global oil demand should rise to a record 92.9 million barrels per day by 2015. That's up 1.9 million barrels per day from the previous forecast.

OPEC said it was making the change to reflect a "swifter than expected" recovery in energy demand since the recession.

Oil prices have climbed from \$79.20 a barrel at the beginning of October to \$96.80 Tuesday. The last time they rose that swiftly was in the spring, when rebels in Libya started to clash with forces loyal to Moammar Gadhafi. Oil shot up 25 percent to \$105 from February to March as the rebellion cut off Libya's exports, increasing pressure on already-tight world supplies.

Gasoline prices followed oil higher earlier this year. Since October, though, they seem to be moving to their own beat.

Gasoline prices have leveled off as motorists buy less fuel. MasterCard SpendingPulse, which tracks gasoline purchases around the country, said Tuesday that American drivers have bought less fuel for four months in a row. Pump prices in the U.S. are increasingly influenced by oil produced in foreign countries, and those varieties haven't risen as sharply as the U.S. benchmark crude.

Appeals court upholds Obama health care law

WASHINGTON (AP)—A conservative-leaning appeals court panel on Tuesday upheld the constitutionality of President Barack Obama's health care law, as the Supreme Court prepares to consider this week whether to resolve conflicting rulings over the law's requirement that all Americans buy health care insurance.

A panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia issued a split opinion upholding the lower court's ruling that found Congress did not overstep its authority in requiring people to have insurance or pay a penalty on their taxes, beginning in 2014. The requirement is the most controversial requirement of Obama's signature domestic legislative achievement and the focus

of conflicting opinions from judges across the country. The Supreme Court could decide as early as Thursday during a closed meeting of the justices whether to accept appeals from some of those earlier rulings.

The suit in Washington was brought by the American Center for Law and Justice, a legal group founded by evangelist Pat Robertson. It claimed that the insurance mandate is unconstitutional because it forces Americans to buy a product for the rest of their lives and that it violates the religious freedom of those who choose not to have insurance because they rely on God to protect them from harm. But the court ruled that Congress had the power to pass the requirement to ensure that all Americans can have

health care coverage, even if it infringes on individual liberty.

"That a direct requirement for most Americans to purchase any product or service seems an intrusive exercise of legislative power surely explains why Congress has not used this authority before—but that seems to us a political judgment rather than a recognition of constitutional limitations," Judge Laurence Silberman, an appointee of President Ronald Reagan wrote in the court's opinion. Silberman was joined by Judge Harry Edwards, a Carter appointee. But, they added, "The right to be free from federal regulation is not absolute and yields to the imperative that Congress be free to forge national solutions to national problems."

over the same period.

That's partly because people drive less once vacations wind down after Labor Day. This year, Americans have also bought less gasoline because of the weaker economy. That lackluster demand has kept prices in check, even as oil soars. If crude continues to rise, however, gasoline eventually will be forced to follow.

"Enjoy it while you can," said Ben Brockwell, pricing director at the Oil Price Information Service. "We may be in for a spike" in the spring. Brockwell expects gasoline prices—which

United Continental announce new international routes

CHICAGO—United Continental Holdings, Inc. said yesterday that its subsidiaries, United Airlines and Continental Airlines, will launch service on several new international routes in the first half of 2012, as the company expands its route network as a result of the merger.

These new routes were included in the company's previously announced capacity guidance.

"Since our merger last year, the new United's unmatched global route network and U.S. hub structure have allowed us to offer our customers more flights to more places they want to go," said Jim Compton, executive vice president and chief revenue officer. "By adding these new international routes, we continue to put the right aircraft in the right markets to serve our customers' needs."

Continental will add new daily nonstop flights beginning in May 2012 between Washington/

Dulles and Manchester, U.K., and beginning in June 2012 between Washington/Dulles and Dublin, Ireland, subject to government approval. The airline will also add weekly nonstop service between Los Angeles and Durango, Mexico, in March 2012, subject to government approval.

United will add new daily nonstop flights between New York/Newark Liberty and Buenos Aires, Argentina, in April 2012.

In addition, Continental will launch previously announced new daily service between Houston's Bush Intercontinental Airport and Lagos, Nigeria, on Nov. 16, 2011, and a second daily flight between New York/Newark Liberty to Frankfurt, Germany, on Jan. 2, 2012.

Over the past year, the company has leveraged the flexibility of its combined fleet to better match market demand.



Employers post most job openings in 3 years

WASHINGTON (AP)—Employers advertised more jobs in September than at any other point in the past three years. The increase suggests hiring could pick up in the next few months.

Competition for jobs is fierce. And many employers aren't rushing to fill some because they are worried about the strength of the economy.

Still, most economists say the increase in openings is a reassuring sign.

Nearly 3.4 million jobs were posted in September, the Labor Department said Tuesday. That's the most since August 2008, one month before the financial crisis intensified.

"Business confidence appears

intact," said Alan Levenson, an economist at T. Rowe Price, "confirming ... that job growth is going to continue."

Job openings have rebounded from a decade low of 2.1 million in July 2009. But they are well below the 4.4 million advertised in December 2007, when the recession began.

Almost four years later, roughly 14 million people are unemployed. An average 4.2 unemployed workers were competing for each opening in September. That's slightly better than August, but it is still more than twice the 2 to 1 ratio that economists say is healthy.

More openings do not necessarily mean more jobs. Even

though job openings rose 22 percent in the past year, hiring has increased only 10 percent, the Labor Department's report shows.

Education and health care providers have boosted their openings 21 percent in the past year. Yet hiring in those fields has dropped. Retail job openings have soared more than 40 percent in the past year, but hiring has been flat.

U.S. employers remain extremely cautious. Modest growth over the summer helped calm recession fears. But the growth came after consumers spent more while earning less, a trend that economists fear can't be sustained.



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Nation

Big asteroid in closest swing by Earth in 35 years

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An asteroid as big as an aircraft carrier is zipping by Earth on Tuesday in the closest encounter by such a massive space rock in more than three decades.

Scientists ruled out any chance of a collision but turned their telescopes skyward to learn more about the object known as 2005 YU55.

Its closest approach to Earth was pegged at a distance of 202,000 miles at 6:28 p.m. EST. That's just inside the moon's orbit; the average distance between Earth and the moon is 239,000 miles.

The last time a large cosmic interloper came that close to Earth was in 1976 and it won't happen again until 2028.

Scientists at NASA's Deep Space Network in the California desert have tracked the quarter-mile-wide asteroid since last week as it approached from the direction of the sun at 29,000 mph.

Astronomers and amateur skygazers around the world kept watch, too.

The Clay Center Observatory in Brookline, Mass., planned an all-night viewing party so children and parents could peer through research-grade telescopes and listen to lectures. The asteroid can't be detected with the naked eye.

"It's a fantastic opportunity to educate the public that there are things out in space that we need to be aware of" including this latest flyby, said observatory director Ron Dantowitz.

Dantowitz added: "It will miss the Earth. We try to mention that in every breath."

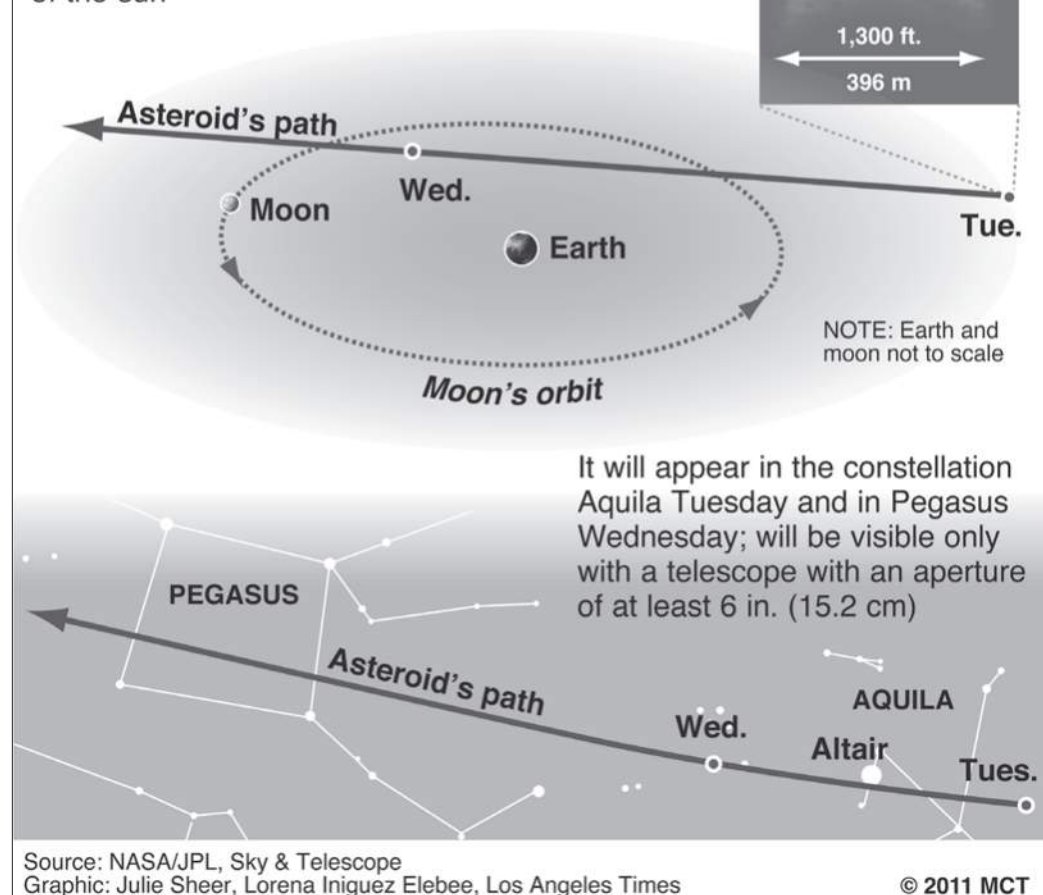
If an asteroid that size would hit, Purdue University professor Jay Melosh calculated the consequences. The impact would carve a crater four miles across and 1,700 feet deep. And

Flying by Earth

An asteroid known as 2005 YU55 will pass between Earth and the moon's orbit, coming as close as 201,700 mi. (324,605 km) to Earth. Scientists will track it using planetary radar at telescopes in the Mojave Desert and Puerto Rico, where the image below was obtained last year.

Asteroid 2005 YU 55

2005 YU55 will approach Earth from the direction of the sun



if it slammed into the ocean, it would trigger 70-foot-high tsunami waves.

Since its discovery six years ago, scientists have been monitoring the spherical, coal-colored asteroid as it slowly spins through space and were confident it posed no danger.

Asteroids are leftovers from the formation of the solar sys-

tem some 4.5 billion years ago. Scientists believe their growth was stunted by Jupiter's gravitational pull and never had the chance to become full-fledged planets. Pieces of asteroids periodically break off and make fiery plunges through the atmosphere as meteorites.

Don Yeomans, who heads NASA's Near Earth Object Pro-

gram, said 2005 YU55 is the type of asteroid that humans may want to visit because it contains carbon-based materials and possibly frozen water.

With the space shuttle program retired, the Obama administration wants astronauts to land on an asteroid as a stepping stone to Mars.

"This would be an ideal object," Yeomans said.

Air Force morgue lost body parts from war dead

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Dover military mortuary entrusted with the solemn duty of receiving and caring for America's war dead twice lost body parts of remains shipped home from Afghanistan, the Air Force revealed Tuesday.

Three mortuary supervisors have been punished for what the Air Force called "gross mismanagement," but no one was fired in a grisly case reminiscent of the scandalous mishandling and misidentifying of remains at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Air Force, which runs the mortuary at Dover, Del., acknowledged failures while insisting it made the right decision in not informing families linked to the missing body parts until last weekend—months after it completed a

probe of 14 sets of allegations lodged by three members of the mortuary staff.

Gen. Norton Schwartz, the Air Force chief of staff, told a Pentagon news conference he and the service's top civilian, Michael Donley, are ultimately responsible for what happens at Dover and for its mistakes.

"There's no escaping it," Schwartz said.

However, an independent federal investigative agency, the Office of Special Counsel, said the Air Force had fallen short on accountability. That office, which forwarded the original whistleblower allegations to the Pentagon in May and July 2010 and reviewed the subsequent Air Force investigative report, faulted it for taking an overly narrow view of what went wrong at Dover

between 2008 and 2010.

"Several of the Air Force's findings are not supported by the evidence presented and thus do not appear reasonable," the special counsel's office said. "In these instances the report demonstrates a pattern of the Air Force's failure to acknowledge culpability for wrongdoing relating to the treatment of remains."

Special Counsel Carolyn Lerner said her office is investigating allegations by the three whistleblowers that the Air Force retaliated against them in several ways, including an attempt to fire one of them.

The three whistleblowers still work at Dover. They are James Parsons, an embalming/autopsy technician; Mary Ellen Spera, a mortuary inspec-

tor; and William Zwicharowski, a senior mortuary inspector.

There is no suggestion of criminal wrongdoing at Dover, and the Air Force said it found no evidence that those faulted at Dover had deliberately mishandled any remains. They attributed the mistakes largely to a breakdown in procedures and a failure to fix problems that had been building over time.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta issued a statement saying he was "deeply disturbed" by the matter. Panetta said he supports the Air Force's findings but has asked a separate panel of the Defense Health Board, a Pentagon advisory group, to conduct its own review of how the Dover mortuary is run. That review, to be led by former surgeon general Dr. Richard Carmona, is due within 60 days.

Cain says he won't drop out of GOP race

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)—A defiant Herman Cain declared Tuesday he would not drop his bid for the Republican presidential nomination in the face of allegations of inappropriate sexual behavior. "Ain't gonna happen," Cain said at a news conference a day after a fourth woman accused him of unwanted sexual advances.

"We will get through this," he added, trying to steady a campaign that has been rocked by the controversy for the past 10 days.

Cain denied anew that he had

ever behaved inappropriately and said the alleged incidents "they simply didn't happen." He said he would be willing to take a lie detector test if he had a good reason.

Earlier in the day, Cain sought to undercut the credibility of the latest woman whose accusations are threatening his Republican presidential campaign. His chief rival, Mitt Romney, weighed in for the first time, calling the allega-

tions "particularly disturbing."

Cain said he called the news conference because he wanted to speak directly to the public, accusing the media of distorting his response to the allegations. He said that had never seen Sharon Bialek until she called her news conference on Monday in New York, alongside attorney Gloria Allred.

"I don't even know who this woman is," he said of Bialek. "I tried to remember if I recognized her and I didn't."

Another name confronted Cain, as well, when one of his

two original accusers gave an interview to The New York Times and was identified publicly by news organizations including The Associated Press as Karen Kraushaar, now a spokeswoman in the Treasury Department's office of inspector general for tax administration.

When asked about Kraushaar, Cain said he recalled her accusation of sexual harassment but insisted "it was found to be baseless."



Cain

ACROSS THE NATION

16 nations want to challenge SC immigration law

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—Sixteen Latin American and Caribbean nations have asked to join in the U.S. Department of Justice's lawsuit against South Carolina's new illegal immigration law, citing concerns for their citizens. Mexico, Honduras, Brazil, Ecuador and Chile and other countries filed papers Tuesday, asking to join the Justice Department's litigation in Charleston. The law would require law officers who make a traffic stop to call federal immigration officials if they suspect someone is in the country illegally. Opponents say the measure would encourage racial profiling.

Official says support for Paterno eroding

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP)—Support for keeping Joe Paterno in his job coaching Penn State football is eroding among the board of trustees, threatening to end the 84-year-old coach's career amid a child sex-abuse scandal involving a former assistant and one-time heir apparent. A person familiar with the trustees' discussions and who used the term "eroding" said it was unclear

what the consequences for Paterno will be and that a decision could be rendered before the board meets on Friday. Penn State President Graham Spanier also has lost support among the Board of Trustees, the person said, but again, how much was unclear. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject.

Miss. defeats life-at-fertilization ballot prop

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Mississippi voters Tuesday defeated a ballot initiative that would have declared life begins at fertilization, a proposal that supporters sought in the Bible Belt state as a way to prompt a legal challenge to abortion rights nationwide. The so-called "personhood" initiative was rejected by more than 55 percent of voters, falling far short of the threshold needed for it to be enacted. If it had passed, it was virtually assured of drawing legal challenges because it conflicts with the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that established a legal right to abortion. Supporters of the initiative wanted to provoke a lawsuit to challenge the landmark ruling.

Asia

US commission: Pakistan schools teach Hindu hatred

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Text books in Pakistani schools foster prejudice and intolerance of Hindus and other religious minorities, while most teachers view non-Muslims as “enemies of Islam,” according to a study by a U.S. government commission released Wednesday.

The findings indicate how deeply ingrained hardline Islam is in Pakistan and help explain why militancy is often supported, tolerated or excused in the country.

“Teaching discrimination increases the likelihood that violent religious extremism in Pakistan will continue to grow, weakening religious freedom, national and regional stability, and global security,” said Leonard Leo, the chairman of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan’s president has promised to work with the United States

to “eradicate” the militant Haqqani network.

President Asif Ali Zardari made the pledge during a conversation with visiting American lawmakers to Pakistan.

Homeland Security delegation head Michael McCaul revealed the details of the discussion late Tuesday.

McCaul says he welcomed Zardari’s remarks but that “the questions is how much control does he have over the military” and Pakistan’s spy agencies, which are in charge of Afghan policy.

Washington wants Pakistan to take action against insurgents like the Haqqanis, which are based in northwest Pakistan but attack U.S. and Afghan troops in Afghanistan.

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Pakistan was created in 1947 as a homeland for the Muslims of South Asia and was initially envisaged as a moderate state where minorities would have

full rights. But three wars with mostly Hindu India; state support for militants fighting Soviet-rule in Afghanistan in the 1980s; and the appeasement of hardline clerics by weak governments seeking legitimacy have led to a steady radicalization of society.

Religious minorities and those brave enough to speak out against intolerance have often been killed, seemingly with impunity, by militant sympathizers. The commission warned that any significant efforts to combat religious discrimination, especially in education, would “likely face strong opposition” from hardliners.

The study reviewed more than 100 textbooks from grades 1-10 from Pakistan’s four provinces. Researchers in February this year visited 37 public schools, interviewing 277 students and teachers, and 19 madrasas, where they interviewed 226 students and teachers.

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was ousted by a military coup in 2006 after being accused of corruption and abuse of power.

Yingluck on Tuesday announced a recovery plan including the creation of a team to coordinate water policy.

About a dozen separate agencies deal with different aspects of water management, with little consultation and no clear lines of authority, hindering both planning and response to crises.

Her government also reached out to Japanese businesses, who are major investors in the seven big industrial parks in and around Bangkok that have halted production because of the flooding. They had complained they were not properly informed of the threat of the floods.

people to help each other, so I’ve informed (the host) that I would not go,” Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra said Tuesday.

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, hosted by President Barack Obama, will bring together 21 leaders, including Chinese President Hu Jintao.

It would have given Yingluck an opportunity as a novice politician to gain diplomatic luster, but also could have opened her to criticism of ignoring flooding at home where her political rivals are keen to exploit any problems due to the waters. She had already canceled a get-acquainted trip to China last month because of the flooding.

Yingluck came to office in August after a Pheu Thai party landslide, but is widely seen as a stand-in for her brother, former

about 300 miles (500 kilometers) southwest of Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh state.

PH offers to fly in docs to check Arroyo

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine president is offering to fly in foreign doctors to examine his predecessor, who wants to get medical care abroad but is barred from leaving the country while facing complaints of abuse of office. President Benigno Aquino III said Wednesday his administration will foot the bill for a bone biopsy in the Philippines for former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. His justice secretary turned down Arroyo’s request to leave the country to get treatment. Arroyo says doctors told her she has a bone disease.

Death toll from Vietnam floods climbs to 88

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Vietnamese officials say some of the country’s worst flooding in a decade has killed 88 people and left four others missing in the central and southern regions. Central Quang Nam province disaster official Nguyen Minh Tuan says recent floods have killed eight people there, leaving another missing as large swaths of land remain submerged. The government says two other people have drowned in central Vietnam and three more are missing.

World

AMID ITALY DEBT WOES

Berlusconi promises to resign

ROME (AP)—Italian Premier Minister Silvio Berlusconi said for the first time Tuesday that he would resign once parliament approves economic reforms, and Greek politicians said they were close to agreeing on a new government to lead their country through painful cutbacks.

Both governments are under heavy pressure to reassure financial markets that the 17-country eurozone is moving quickly to reduce crippling government debts before those debts break apart the monetary union and plunge the world into a new recession.

Berlusconi’s promise to resign came during a meeting with Italian President Giorgio Napolitano after the premier lost his parliamentary majority during a routine vote earlier Tuesday. In a statement, Napolitano’s office said Berlusconi had agreed to step down once the economic reforms have passed parliament. A vote on the measures is planned for next week.

Wealthier European countries including Germany and France have already bailed out struggling Greece, Ireland and Portugal, and Greece will get another euro100 billion (\$138

billion) of debt relief as soon as it resolves its political crisis.

Senior government officials said Greece would get a new prime minister later Tuesday. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of the secrecy surrounding the second day of talks between Prime Minister George Papandreou and opposition leader Antonis Samaras. They hope to reach a power-sharing deal that will prevent Greece from going bankrupt.

Italy poses an even graver challenge: Europe can’t afford to bail out its euro1.9 trillion (\$2.6 trillion) debt pile, and wants to see Italy live up to promises to rein in spending and improve lagging growth so it can pay it off itself. Few believe Berlusconi—sapped by scandal and economic bungling—has the political clout to get that done, and calls had increased for him to resign.

Among those urging that he step down was Berlusconi’s main coalition ally, Northern League leader Umberto Bossi, who told reporters Tuesday: “We asked him to step aside, take a step to the side.” Bossi is the volatile ally who brought down Berlusconi’s first conservative government in 1994.

UN reports Iran work ‘specific’ to nuke arms

VIENNA (AP)—The U.N. atomic agency said for the first time Tuesday that Iran is suspected of conducting secret experiments whose sole purpose is the development of nuclear arms, an assessment that draws on 1,000 pages of intelligence and nearly a decade of research.

The report by the International Atomic Energy Agency is its most unequivocal yet suggesting that Iran is using the cover of a peaceful nuclear program to produce atomic weaponry. Based on years of trying to probe Tehran’s secretive activities, its release will stoke debate on whether it’s time to jettison failed diplomatic efforts

to end Iran’s nuclear defiance and replace them with force.

The 13-page annex to the IAEA’s regularly scheduled report on Iran included evidence that suggests the Islamic republic is working on the clandestine procurement of equipment and designs to make nuclear arms.

“While some of the activities identified in the annex have civilian as well as military applications, others are specific to nuclear weapons,” the report said.

Among these were indications that Iran has conducted high explosives testing and detonator development to set off a nuclear charge, as well as computer modeling of a core of a nuclear warhead. The report

Sarkozy overheard to Obama: Netanyahu is a liar

PARIS (AP)—The French president’s overheard remark to President Barack Obama that Israel’s prime minister is a “liar” laid bare escalating international frustration at deadlocked peace efforts—and left all three world leaders looking blemished.

Obama, heard through an interpreter, responded, “I have to work with him every day.”

Some Israelis felt French President Nicolas Sarkozy uttered out loud what many think in private about Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Others were shocked, and embarrassed.

Fragments of a conversation between Sarkozy and Obama were overheard by reporters last week at the Group of 20 summit in southern France, via headsets that were to be used for simultaneous translation of an upcoming news conference.

Sarkozy’s remarks were especially harsh for a man who has labored to improve French relations with Israel while also using France’s traditional ties to Arab countries to encourage peace talks—and whose maternal grandfather was Jewish.

It’s an awkward moment for Obama, who was already seen as cool to Netanyahu but is Is-

Silvio Berlusconi

Italian prime minister

Early life

Born 1936, in Milan, Italy
Education Law degree from University of Milan, 1971

Media mogul

By the 1970s Had amassed a fortune as a real estate developer; established the financial holding company Fininvest and diversified his interests into banking, TV, radio, publishing and advertising, creating a media empire

Political leader

1994 Founds Forza Italia, a conservative political party; becomes prime minister, then resigns after seven months

2001-2006 Becomes prime minister again; support for the Iraq War and poor economy lead to his defeat by Romano Prodi

2008-2011 Serves third term as prime minister; country faces crisis over debt in wake of global financial crisis

November 2011 Loses support of majority in parliament; says he will step down after parliament passes economic reforms EU demands

Controversial figure

• Has been charged with bribery, extortion, influence peddling and other abuses of power; some charges were overturned

Source: The Times, Reuters, BBC, MCT Photo Service © 2011 MCT

also cited preparatory work for a nuclear weapons test, and development of a nuclear payload for Iran’s Shahab 3 intermediate range missile—a weapon that can reach Israel.

In Washington, officials said the report confirms U.S. suspicions about the military nature of Iran’s program, and the Obama administration was readying a range of sanctions and other measures against Iran should the Islamic republic fail to answer questions raised about its nuclear ambitions.

Israeli government spokesman Mark Reggev said there was a government directive not to comment until Israel has studied the findings in depth.

rael’s main international ally.

Several French-speaking journalists, including one from The Associated Press, overheard the conversation but did not initially report it because Sarkozy’s office had asked the journalists not to turn on the headsets until the news conference began. The comments were deemed private under French media traditions.

French journalists rarely report on public figures’ private lives, for example, and when they report behind-the-scenes conversations involving top politicians, they almost never cite the source of the information.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Official: 16 Hindus die in stampede in north India

LUCKNOW, India (AP)—A stampede killed 16 Hindu pilgrims and injured about 50 during a religious ceremony Tuesday on the banks of the Ganges River in northern India, an official said. The stampede at Haridwar in Uttarakhand state was triggered when some of the pilgrims tripped and fell while those behind continued to push forward, government spokesman Amit Chandra said. Thousands of people had converged on the river banks for the prayer ceremony in the temple-filled town in the foothills of the Himalayas where the Ganges enters the sprawling plains of northern India. Haridwar is

Focus

Election-year goals of Christian group questioned

By RACHEL ZOLL
AP RELIGION WRITER

In the 1940s, an argument erupted among a group of American Christians far from the mainstream.

Pentecostals, the spirit-filled worshippers known mostly for speaking in tongues, were at a crossroads, divided over the extent of God's modern-day miracles. If God made apostles and prophets during the New Testament era, did he still create them today?

Most Pentecostals said no, and went on to build the movement's major denominations.

A minority disagreed—and amazingly, their obscure view is now in the crosshairs of a presidential race. Some critics, fearing these little-known Christians want to control the U.S. government, suspect that Republican Rick Perry is their candidate.

The Texas governor opened the door to the discussion with a prayer rally he hosted in August, a week before he announced his run for president. Organizers of the Houston event, such as Lou Engle, leader of The Call prayer marathons, and Mike Bickle, founder of the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, had for several years been under the watch of mostly liberal writers alarmed by the preachers' rhetoric.

The end of the world is an intense focus of many of the religious leaders involved in the rally. Engle has said that the tornado that leveled Joplin, Mo., last May was evidence of God's judgment on the country over abortion. Bickle views acceptance of same-sex marriage as a sign of the end times.

These preachers believe demons have taken hold of specific geographic areas, including the nation's capital. They also promote a philosophy of public engagement known as the "seven mountains," which urges Christians to gain influence in business, government, family, church, education, media and the arts as a way to spread righteousness and bring about God's kingdom on earth. The language seems close to dominionism, the belief that Christians have a God-given mandate to run the world.

Ever since Perry gave the leaders a broader platform, religion scholars and activists have been debating whether these church leaders represent a real threat, an apocalyptic vanguard maneuvering to establish a Christian government. The task of measuring their influence is complicated by the preachers' wide range of teaching and practice, and by the many different expressions of dominionism under various names.



Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. Rick Perry speaks during a town hall meeting with employees at Pioneer Hi-Bred, Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, in Johnston, Iowa. AP

MSNBC's Rachel Maddow warned that dominionists want to prepare the world for Jesus' return by "infiltration and taking over politics and government." Michelle Goldberg, author of "Kingdom Coming: The Rise of Christian Nationalism," wrote at The Daily Beast, "We have not seen this sort of thing at the highest levels of the Republican Party before."

Randall Stephens, a professor at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass., who researches Pentecostals and politics, called warnings of a conservative Christian plot an overreaction. "I think this is a rabbit hole people fall down and it has a whiff of conspiracy," Stephens said.

Anthea Butler, who has written extensively about dominionism with author Sarah Posner on the liberal website Religion Dispatches.org, considers the outlook troubling and worth examining, but cautioned against overstating its strength.

"I don't know if 'threat' is the right word. I think 'problem' is the better word," said Butler, a religion scholar at the University of Pennsylvania.

Perry has never said anything that would directly link him to dominionism. However, he fueled speculation about his views at the rally by quoting from Joel 2, a Bible book the preachers favor, which tells of a prayer assembly of spiritual warriors as the world ends. On stage with the governor was Alice Patterson, author of "Bridging the Racial and Political Divide: How Godly Politics Can Transform A

Nation," who believes there is a "demonic structure behind the Democratic Party."

Robert Black, a Perry campaign spokesman, said the GOP governor is an evangelical who attends Lake Hills Church in Austin. In a recent appearance at Liberty University, founded by the late Rev. Jerry Falwell, Perry explained that he had turned to God in a time of need—a personal testimony common for born-again Christians.

"Gov. Perry believes that Americans of all faiths should be active in dictating the course of our country," Black wrote in an e-mail. "He supports our republican form of democracy and trusts the American people to decide who should lead it."

Critics have also questioned whether Michele Bachmann's religious and political views have crossed a line into dominionism. In a 2006 appearance in Minnesota, the year she was first elected to Congress, she prayed, "We are in the last days" and called separation of church and state "a myth." In the 1980s, Bachmann was a law student at Oral Roberts University, a Pentecostal school which emphasized the biblical basis of U.S. law. However, that approach is shared among a range of conservative Christians and is not the definitive marker of someone who thinks only Christians should govern. Many evangelical leaders are incensed by the discussion. The allegation that Christians are plotting to build a theocracy has dogged Christian conservatives since the 1970s

and '80s, when evangelicals stunned both Democrats and Republicans by emerging from political hibernation to regain their voice in public life.

Chuck Colson, the Watergate figure and founder of the Prison Fellowship ministries, said labels such as "dominionist" are epithets meant to discredit all Christian activists. David French, senior counsel at the American Center for Law and Justice, founded by the Rev. Pat Robertson, wrote an article in the National Review with the mocking headline, "I'm a Dominionist? I had no idea."

However, many religion scholars argue that some watered-down dominionist principles have long influenced conservative Christian activists, who hope to shape society according to a biblical worldview. (A true dominionist not only wants Christians to shape the world, but also run it.)

Bruce Barron, a Christian scholar and author of the 1992 book "Heaven on Earth? The Social & Political Agendas of Dominion Theology," wrote that many early leaders of the Christian right said they had been influenced by the social analysis of Rousas John Rushdoony, who believed the nation was in a moral and cultural crisis and advocated replacing democracy with biblical law, mostly from the Old Testament. This way of thinking is known as Christian Reconstructionism.

By the late 1980s, many evangelical leaders felt that dominionist ideas had gained so much

attention that they could no longer simply dismiss the teaching as fringe, Barron wrote. Among the critiques was a February 1987 cover story in Christianity Today, the prominent evangelical magazine founded by the Rev. Billy Graham, which quoted scholars saying that ignoring the stream of thinking is no longer an option. "They haven't been taken seriously enough," one scholar told the magazine.

More recently, C. Peter Wagner, an expert in church growth, has become a lightning rod for critics of dominionism, largely because of the extensive research of Talk2Action.org, a liberal investigative site, and one of its writers, Rachel Tabachnik.

Wagner is a former professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, a prominent evangelical school in Pasadena, Calif., who had noted the rapid spread of independent Pentecostal churches. In 1974, he dubbed the trend the New Apostolic Reformation, and eventually became a leader among these churches. He is now considered an apostle along with his wife Doris, who specializes in healing.

Wagner sharpened the Pentecostal focus on spiritual warfare, through books with titles such as, "Breaking Strangleholds in Your City (Prayer Warriors)." He trains people to use intense direct prayer and other strategies to fight demonic control of specific cities or regions. In addition, he promotes the "seven mountains" philosophy of placing Christians in positions

of influence, but insists it is no stealth plan for a Christian-only government. Wagner said that most of the church leaders he works with believe that both major parties are under demonic influence—not just the Democrats—although some individual politicians are "kingdom-minded." Church members are deeply frustrated about politicians promising to outlaw abortion and address other social issues, but never fulfilling this pledge, Wagner said.

"There's nobody that I know—there may be some fringe people—who would even advocate a theocracy," Wagner said in a phone interview from Colorado Springs, Colo., where his ministries are based. "We honor those who have other kinds of faith."

Bickle, interviewed in Kansas City, Mo., said he knows Wagner but is not affiliated with him. Bickle called the apostle "a humble guy" who does not know Perry and would not advocate Christian control of society.

"He's got a team of loosely connected people—maybe 100 ministries—it's a small number. They are 'quote' telling people to go influence society. But some of their guys under them are using these hostile terms, like 'taking over society,'" said Bickle, who said he is not a dominionist.

"We want to influence things in our own microscopic way," Bickle said. "I wish we did have influence, but it's so minute."

Mel Robeck, a specialist in Pentecostalism at Fuller Theological Seminary, cautioned against concluding too much from the preachers at Perry's event. Robeck is a minister with the Assemblies of God, one of the largest Pentecostal groups, which posts a 13-page theological statement on its website explaining why the denomination does not believe in contemporary apostles and prophets.

Robeck viewed the prayer rally as standard GOP outreach to religious conservatives who form the core of the Republican Party and sees Wagner as repackaging old, marginal ideas to create a new movement. Days after the Texas governor held the prayer marathon, the American Family Association, which financed the event, emailed participants asking for help registering conservative Christians ahead of the 2012 election.

"To see potential political leaders courting these people—what they're really doing is looking for the votes that they think these folks can deliver," Robeck said. "I don't know of any politician that can afford to miss any kind of church vote and they know that church leaders can often influence people."

Environment

Hippie no more: Suit, PhD, mark today's activist

By ARTHUR MAX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BREMEN, Germany (AP)—The gleaming green schooner in Bremen's shipyard says everything about how Greenpeace has grown up through the years.

Three decades ago Greenpeace acquired a converted fishing trawler for \$40,000, painted it green and set out to bump hulls with Japanese whalers and disrupt nuclear weapons testing; the first *Rainbow Warrior* was sunk by French intelligence agents in 1985.

Last week, with a traditional bottle of champagne, the movement christened *Rainbow Warrior III*—a \$33 million marvel, part helicopter-capable warship equipped to do battle with “environmental criminals” and part high-tech PR vessel, with widescreen conference facilities and state-of-the-art communications.

Like the ship, environment activists of all stripes are showing hallmarks of maturity. The public image remains true: young idealists parading in polar bear outfits, climbing smokestacks of coal-burning power plants, hoisting a global-warming protest banner on Mount Rushmore.

At the same time, the leaders are no longer scruffy children of the '60s. Many full-time campaigners are scientists or graduates with advanced degrees in politics, business and, of course, public relations.

Envoys from nonprofit groups will make their mark at the next U.N. climate conference when 194 parties reconvene Nov. 28 for two weeks in Durban, South Africa, to resume work on a worldwide agreement to control emissions of greenhouse gases causing global warming.

While cameras focus on banner-waving demonstrators outside the halls, lobbyists inside will distribute science-based studies, detailed plans to protect endangered forests or proposals



Kumi Naidoo, Greenpeace international executive director, left, and climate and energy campaigner Melina Laboucan Massimo pose beside the new Greenpeace boat 'Rainbow Warrior III' as it is anchored at the docks of the Fassmer shipyard in Berne near Bremen, northern Germany, Friday, Oct. 14, 2011.

to raise billions of dollars a year to fight climate change.

Nongovernment organizations “are playing a very important role” in the negotiations, says Connie Hedegaard, the European Union's climate action commissioner and the former Danish minister who organized the Copenhagen climate summit two years ago.

Not only are the NGOs “very knowledgeable people,” but they are well-coordinated and have made alliances with businesses, giving them maximum leverage on negotiators, she told The Associated Press.

“They come with constructive proposals and they know exactly where the difficulties are,” she said.

Climate talks show the interplay between theater and diplomacy, and activists say both are necessary.

Photogenic stunts “not only propel the issues on to the front pages and into the public consciousness, they also open doors in the corridors of power,” says veteran Greenpeace activist and spokesman Mike Townsley.

Critics accuse the NGOs of “cherry picking” science to promote their causes, of issuing alarmist and unbalanced reports to gain attention, and of losing their roots in social action as they grow into corporate-like entities, some of them—like Greenpeace—having budgets in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

But they have served a vital, if controversial, function for treaty negotiators, who often are professional diplomats or civil servants with neither a scientific background nor deep understanding of the technical aspects of global warming.

“There's a need for somebody to translate the science and help decision makers understand what science has to say about the decisions that they're making. And NGOs have often stepped in to fill that role,” said Michele Betsill, a political science professor at Colorado State University.

The problem is that advocates are not neutral, as scientists are supposed to be. “Science becomes linked to particular

positions, and this gets to the whole politicization of science,” said Betsill, author of the book “NGO Diplomacy: The Influence of Nongovernmental Organizations in International Environmental Negotiations.”

In a subject as complex as climate change, it is often the NGOs who compile the necessary research. In 2007, for example, Oxfam calculated that developing countries need \$50 billion a year to adapt to changing climate conditions, like building sea walls against rising ocean levels or changing crops to adjust to new rainfall patterns. That figure, subsequently backed by independent analysts, has become the basis for the finance element of all further negotiations.

Nongovernment lobbyists also serve as back-channels for delegations.

“Civil society can be the glue that binds the different negotiating blocs together,” said Tim Gore, Oxfam's policy adviser on climate change. Tracking the positions of all countries on all issues is too much for most

delegations. “NGOs can play a critical role in piecing together knowledge and intelligence that we hear from parties. We actually have better access to many parties than many negotiating groups,” Gore said.

On board the new *Rainbow Warrior*, Greenpeace chief Kumi Naidoo reflected on the organization's double role. “We see more leaders of the business community, more governments actually wanting dialogue with us, to try to understand, to draw on our knowledge and scientific base. So we are very open to dialogue and engagement,” he said.

“But we also recognize that time is running out for the planet. And *Rainbow Warrior* and all our activism will, if need be, celebrate the best traditions of civil disobedience and nonviolent direct action.”

Of the thousands of local, national and international environmental groups, Greenpeace is among the most visible.

It has not only tussled with oil giants and major polluters, it has targeted less obvious brands that it denounces as environmental offenders: Apple, for stuffing Macbooks and iPods with toxic chemicals; Mattel, for packing its doll Barbie in a box with materials from Indonesian rain forests; and Nike and Adidas, whose Chinese shoe factories it

says pollute rivers.

“Whatever you say about us, we're difficult to ignore,” says Townsley.

It has had notable fallings-out with some of its founding members.

Patrick Moore, who wrote a book called “Confessions of a Greenpeace Dropout,” accuses his former colleagues of inventing “gloom and doom scenarios” about climate change and of abandoning logic “in favor of emotion and sensationalism.”

Paul Watson, who founded Sea Shepherd, left Greenpeace for the opposite reason—he found it too moderate. He accuses it of devoting more energy to fundraising than to environmental causes.

Jeremy Leggett, a scientist and university professor who left the group in the 1980s for private business, discounts those highly public spat as “egotistic” and common to any big group.

“The world needs Greenpeace desperately and other organizations like it,” says Leggett.

Greenpeace was born in 1971 when young conservationists set off in a fishing boat from Canada toward the Aleutian islands off Alaska hoping to block a U.S. nuclear test. They were intercepted by the Coast Guard and sent away, but the voyage inflamed an anti-nuclear campaign.

Change your oil change

By TERRI BENNETT
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No matter how you look at it, changing your oil is a downright dirty job. Do Your Part when it's time for your next oil change to make it as clean as can be, keep your car running smoothly, and get better gas mileage.

You know that old rule about changing your oil every three months or 3,000 miles, whatever comes first? Well, make sure to check your car's manual. Newer cars are usually more efficient and drivers can go longer between oil changes.

Then, you'll want to pick better oil. You'll see a lot of options in the motor oil aisle. There are a few things you'll need to know before picking one. Conventional motor oil is derived from crude oil. It usually is cheaper than synthetic oil but synthetics are made to make your engine run more efficiently so you'll get better gas mileage and more horsepower. And now, there's something new on the motor oil market. Valvoline is one of the first major manufacturers to offer motor oil made from 50 percent recycled oil. And, this motor oil works just as well as any synthetic variety. You can use it when you change the oil yourself or you can take it to one of

Valvoline's oil change centers and ask for it.

But remember, if you're not the one changing your oil, make sure the shop you take your vehicle to responsibly recycles all the old stuff. Many of them do, but you'll want to ask to make sure. You can also take your own used motor oil and oil filters to most full service recycling centers and some automotive businesses. Whatever you do, don't pour oil down a storm drain! Those drain directly to local waterways and just one gallon of motor oil can contaminate a million gallons of water.

There are a lot of ways to clean up your car care routine and changing your oil change practices is an important one. You can find more resources for greener car care at DoYourPart.com/Columns. In the meantime, Do Your Part to make the right oil change choice to help keep our environment clean and your car running efficiently—all at the same time.

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US rivers and streams super-saturated with carbon dioxide

Rivers and streams in the United States are releasing substantially more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than previously thought. These findings could change the way scientists model the movement of carbon between land, water, and the atmosphere.

The findings were recently published in a *Nature Geoscience* article entitled “Significant efflux of carbon dioxide from streams and rivers in the United States” by David Butman and Professor Peter Raymond of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmen-

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■ National Assessment of Ecosystem Carbon Sequestration and Greenhouse Gas Fluxes website: http://www.usgs.gov/climate_landuse/land_carbon/default.asp.

■ *Nature Geoscience* article: http://nsf.gov/news/news_images.jsp?cntn_id=121994&org=NSF.

tal Studies, as part of David's Ph.D. thesis. Funding for the study was from NASA, NSF, and the USGS. The article can be found at <http://www.nature.com/ngeo/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/ngeo1294.html>.

Butman and Raymond found that a significant amount of carbon accumulated by plant growth on land is decomposed, discharged into streams and rivers, and outgassed as carbon dioxide (CO₂) into the atmosphere. It is estimated that streams and rivers release almost 100 million metric tons of carbon each year. This release is equal to a car burning 40 billion gallons of gasoline, enough to drive back and forth to the moon 3.4 million times.

Water chemistry data from more than 4,000 rivers and streams throughout the United States were incorporated with

detailed geospatial data to model the flux of carbon dioxide from water. The river and stream samples were collected at USGS gaging stations and the geospatial data was produced by both the USGS and EPA.

This research is being incorporated into the USGS Land-Carbon effort to characterize the current and future fluxes of carbon influenced by both natural and anthropogenic processes. One part of this effort is looking at the potential for carbon storage in the nation's vegetation, soils, and sediments, which is known as biological carbon sequestration. (USGS)

Life & Style

Brains, guts, glitz are honored at Glamour fest

NEW YORK (AP)—His wife couldn't be there herself to accept her honor. So Mark Kelly, husband of recovering congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, spoke on her behalf. But, he made clear, his wife was still running the show.

"We went over my remarks very carefully," Kelly said at Glamour's Women of the Year awards on Monday. "She's still in charge."

Giffords was one of 11 women honored at the Carnegie Hall ceremony, the 21st time the awards have been presented. As always, the assembled group was a formidable mix of brains, guts, entrepreneurship, and yes, glamour.

On that last count, Jennifer Lopez was there, dressed to the nines in a high-slit Versace gown—her award presented by designer friend Donatella Ver-

sace, in fact. She talked about the year's "ups, and not-so-ups," the latter a reference to her split with husband Marc Anthony.

"It's the women in my life that helped me," she said, tearfully. "The most important thing they taught me is to support other women."

Lopez's stardom could be described as supernova-like—only that word was best reserved for 10-year-old Kathryn Gray, of Canada, one of 21 girls and young women honored at the ceremony by actress Emma Stone. Her achievement? Discovering a real supernova.

The tone for the evening—solidarity among women—was set by Glamour's editor-in-chief, Cindi Leive. "There's a special place in hell for women who don't help other women," she said, to applause. "We didn't let any of them in tonight."



AP
Singer Jennifer Lopez is seen on stage at the Glamour Magazine 21st Annual Women of the Year Awards ceremony at Carnegie Hall, Monday, Nov. 7, 2011, in New York.

Each honoree was presented with her award by someone of equal or often greater fame:

Late-night host Chelsea Handler was given her award by friend Jennifer Aniston, who misted up as she praised Handler, even while noting that "Half her life, she is drunk."

Arianna Huffington, whose Huffington Post has become a media force, received her award from Barbara Walters. She cheekily urged women to "sleep their way to the top"—by enriching their sleep-deprived lives with some more shuteye.

She also regaled the crowd with the story of a failed relationship that set her career on an upward path. "Everything good that happened to me happened because a man wouldn't marry me," she said.

The lifetime achievement winner was Gloria Steinem, whose award was presented by Anita Hill, 20 years after the Clarence Thomas hearings.

Brett Ratner resigns as Academy Awards producer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Brett Ratner resigned Tuesday as producer of next year's Academy Awards, one day after apologizing for using a gay slur at a screening of his latest film.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences confirmed Ratner's departure. President Tom Sherak said in a statement that the 42-year-old filmmaker



"did the right thing for the academy and for himself."

"Brett is a good person, but his comments were unacceptable," Sherak said.

Ratner used a pejorative term for gay men during a question-and-answer session at a screening of his film "Tower Heist." He also discussed his sexual exploits on a recent episode of

"The Howard Stern Show."

Ratner issued a lengthy statement Tuesday apologizing for his behavior and explaining his resignation as producer of the 2012 Oscar telecast. The academy had announced in August that Ratner would produce the show with TV veteran Don Mischer, who helmed the 2011 broadcast.

'20 Kids and Counting?': TV couple expecting 20th



AP
In this Aug. 2, 2007 file photo, Michelle Duggar, left, is surrounded by her children and husband Jim Bob, second from left, after the birth of her 17th child in Rogers, Ark.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—TLC reality show "19 Kids and Counting" may soon need a new name. Arkansas couple Jim Bob and Michelle Duggar appeared with their burgeoning clan on NBC's "Today" show

Tuesday and announced they are expecting their 20th child in April.

Forty-five-year-old Michelle Duggar said she's in good physical shape and that she's not worried, despite

complications during her last pregnancy that led to the premature birth of their youngest child two years ago. She says she's made it through her first trimester safely.

The couple has said they

don't use birth control. Michelle Duggar says she didn't necessarily expect to get pregnant again and that she and her husband are excited to welcome the new addition to the family.

Another star gracefully leaves 'Dancing'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Nancy Grace is done with "Dancing With the Stars."

The attorney and TV personality was dismissed from the ABC ballroom competition Tuesday, one week shy of the show's semifinals.

Grace said she's proud of all she accomplished on the show, but she credited her professional partner, Tristan MacManus.

"It's been all Tristan from the get-go," she said. She thanked the show's crew, her

family, "and especially you, Tris. Thank you."

Rehearsal footage of Grace and MacManus shown throughout the past several weeks revealed the couple frequently butting heads.

Judges' scores combined

with viewer votes determine which contestant is ousted each week.

The four remaining celebrity dancers—reality star Rob Kardashian, actor and Army veteran J.R. Martinez, TV personality Ricki Lake and soccer star Hope Solo—will compete in the semifinals Monday.

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Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy
Crime, Comedy • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
The workers at a posh Central Park condominium plot to steal back their pensions from the thieving Wall Street billionaire who's about to get away with the ultimate white-collar crime in this heist comedy starring Ben Stiller and Eddie Murphy. Financial giant Arthur Shaw (Alan Alda) has just been placed under house arrest in his luxury New York City penthouse for cleaning out his investors to the tune of two billion dollars. Meanwhile, on the complete opposite end of the financial spectrum, Josh Kovacs (Stiller) earns a modest living as the manager of the luxurious building where Shaw resides. Upon learning that the tower staffers who entrusted Shaw with their retirement funds are about to lose their life earnings, and that the thief will likely get off scot-free, Josh recruits crafty swindler Slide (Murphy) to help get their money back.

A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas

Friday		4:10	7:10	9:45
Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:45
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Mon thru Thurs		4:10	7:10	

John Cho, Kal Penn, Neil Patrick Harris
Comedy • Rated R

Puss in Boots

Friday		4:05	7:05	9:35
Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05	9:35
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05	
Mon thru Thurs		4:05	7:05	

Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek
Children's/family • Rated PG

In Time

Friday		4:20	7:20	9:40
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:40
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Mon thru Thurs		4:20	7:20	

Justin Timberlake, Amanda Seyfried
Thriller • Rated PG 13

The Three Musketeers

Friday		7:25		
Saturday	1:25	7:25		
Sunday	1:25	7:25		
Mon thru Thurs		7:25		

Logan Lerman, Milla Jovovich
Adventure • Rated PG 13

Paranormal Activity 3

Friday		4:15	7:15	9:50
Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15	9:50
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15	
Mon thru Thurs		4:15	7:15	

Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman, directing
Thriller, Horror • Rated R

Footloose

Friday		4:25	9:55	
Saturday		4:25	9:55	
Sunday		4:25		
Mon thru Thurs		4:25		

Kenny Wormald, Julianne Hough
Musical, Drama • Rated PG 13

Real Steel

Friday		4:30	7:30	10:00
Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30	10:00
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‘Potter,’ ‘Glee’ top People’s Choice nominations

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Katy Perry, “Glee” and Harry Potter conjured up the most People’s Choice Awards nominations.

“Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2” topped Tuesday’s nomination announcement with nine nods, including favorite movie and ensemble movie

cast, while pop star Perry and the Fox musical “Glee” are both up for seven trophies. Voting for the 38th annual fan-favorite ceremony, which is set for Jan. 11 at the Nokia Theatre, ends Dec. 6.

“Glee,” which focuses on the outsider show choir New Directions, snagged a nomination for

favorite network TV comedy and in several of the ceremony’s TV acting categories: Chris Colfer and Cory Monteith for favorite TV comedy actor, Jane Lynch and Lea Michele for favorite TV comedy actress and Gwyneth Paltrow and Kristin Chenoweth for favorite TV guest star.

Perry’s seven nominations span the music, movies and TV genres. She’s up for favorite female artist, pop artist, tour headliner, song for “E.T.” and music video for “Last Friday Night,” as well as favorite animated movie voice for her role as Smurfette in “The Smurfs” and favorite TV guest star as the flirtatious Honey on the CBS sitcom “How I Met Your Mother.”



CERTIFIED STAR

Colombian singer Shakira poses as she is honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011. During a Tuesday ceremony surrounded by hundreds of screaming, flag-waving fans, the Grammy-winning Colombian singer unveiled her sidewalk star in front of the W Hollywood Hotel on Hollywood Boulevard. It’s the 2,454th star dedicated along Hollywood’s avenue of dreams. “This is incredible,” said the singer and activist. “I would like to thank all of you.” The ceremony for the 34-year-old singer comes on the eve of her Las Vegas honor as the Latin Grammy person of the year.

AP

‘Deadliest Catch’ crewmember falls ill and rescued

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Rescuers flew a member of the cable TV series “Deadliest Catch” fishing crew to a remote clinic in Alaska after he collapsed and showed signs of shock and dehydration on board a fishing vessel in the Bering Sea, the Coast Guard said Tuesday.

The agency didn’t identify the 28-year-old man but said he’s a crewmember of the 150-foot Wizard, part of the hit Discovery Channel reality series

that depicts the crab fishing industry in the dangerous waters off Alaska.

Discovery didn’t immediately provide information and emails seeking details that were sent through the website of the Seattle-based Wizard were not immediately answered.

A Coast Guard helicopter crew flew the man Monday afternoon to a clinic in the Alaska Peninsula community of Cold Bay, 60 miles to the south. He was then flown to

an Anchorage hospital.

Waves were only about 3-feet high when he fell ill. The National Weather Service said it occurred before the arrival of a huge storm brewing in the Bering Sea.

Wendy Whitney, a nurse practitioner at the Cold Bay clinic, said privacy laws prevented her from identifying the crewmember. But she said the man was conscious at the clinic, adding that his condition wasn’t seasickness and needed further evaluation.

Rihanna’s 20th is a Top 10 record

By GLENN GAMBOA
NEWSDAY

NEW YORK—When Rihanna arrived on the scene in 2005, as one of Jay-Z’s proteges, with the dance hit “Pon de Replay,” she seemed promising but far from the global megastar she has become.

This week, she makes chart history as “We Found Love” becomes her 20th Top 10 single (and her 11th No. 1). She has

amassed the 20 hits in six years and four months—the shortest time the feat has ever been accomplished by a solo artist, according to Billboard.com. (Madonna previously held the record, knocking out 20 Top 10 hits in six years and nine months in the ‘80s.)

Only The Beatles have racked up that many Top 10 hits faster—



Rihanna

taking only two years and seven months in those early days of the British Invasion, starting in 1964.

“We are watching history in the making,” Island Def Jam president and chief operating officer Steve Bartels said in a statement. “With Rihanna achieving her historic 11th Hot 100 No. 1 single, she continues to be a class unto herself. It’s rare and wonderful to see a hit maker of Rihanna’s talent and consistency.”

of autism spectrum disorders and raising money for research and prevention.

Manuscript by teenage Charlotte Bronte to be sold

LONDON (AP)—Sotheby’s says an unpublished work by the teenage Charlotte Bronte could sell for 300,000 pounds (\$482,000) at an auction next month. The auction house says “The Young Men’s Magazine, Number 2” is dated August 1830, when the writer was 14. The mini-magazine, measuring 1.4 inches by 2.4 inches (35mm by 61mm), contains a tale of murder and madness set in the imaginary world of Glass Town. Sotheby’s book

specialist Gabriel Heaton said it “provides a rare and intimate insight into one of history’s great literary minds.” He said it includes a foretaste of a famous scene in Bronte’s “Jane Eyre”—“when Bertha, Mr. Rochester’s insane wife, seeks revenge by setting fire to the bed curtains in her husband’s chamber.” The manuscript will be sold Dec. 15 in London.

Spate of events scheduled for Elvis’ birthday

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—A gospel concert and a cake-cutting ceremony will highlight the celebration of Elvis Presley’s 77th birthday in Memphis in January. Elvis Presley Enterprises said Tuesday

Lichtenstein ‘Room’ painting gets \$43M in US



In this photo provided by Christie’s Auction House, a 1961 painting by the late Pop Artist Roy Lichtenstein, entitled; “I Can See the Whole Room!...and There’s Nobody in It!” is shown.

AP

NEW YORK (AP)—A painting by the late pop artist Roy Lichtenstein has sold at auction in New York City for more than \$43 million, a world auction record for him.

The 1961 painting is titled “I Can See the Whole Room! ... and There’s Nobody in It!” It depicts a man’s face peering through a peephole. It sold Tuesday night at a Christie’s auction house postwar and contemporary art sale.

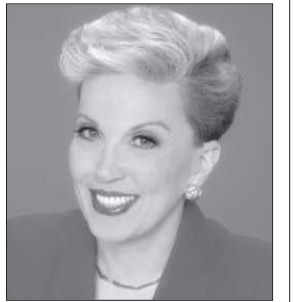
Lichtenstein’s 1964 painting “Ohhh ... Alright ...” sold for his previous auction record of more than \$42 million last November. It’s a comic book image of a distressed woman speaking into a telephone.

Lichtenstein was famous for his cartoon-inspired style and along with artists including Andy Warhol and Jasper John helped launch the pop art movement. He died in 1997.

that the celebration of the late singer’s birthday will run from Jan. 5 through Jan. 8. Elvis was born in Tupelo, Miss., on Jan. 8, 1935, and he moved to Memphis with his parents in 1948. He died in Memphis on Aug. 16, 1977, and next year marks the 35th anniversary of his death. Birthday events will include a Jan. 7 morning gospel concert featuring former members of J.D. Sumner & The Stamps, who toured with Elvis as his backup singers from 1971 to 1977. Later that evening, the Memphis Symphony Orchestra will present Elvis Birthday Pops. The birthday cake-cutting on Jan. 8 at Graceland includes a proclamation of Elvis Presley Day by local officials.

Sting of sudden disinheritance leaves grandchild feeling hurt

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am in a happy and healthy long-term relationship. Since neither of us wants kids, we don’t feel the need to marry. Because I don’t want children, my grandmother has decided I don’t deserve any inheritance. She has rewritten her will, leaving everything to my younger cousin who is the only grandchild likely to have children.

It makes me feel awful, as though I am not worthy in her eyes because of my choice. It isn’t about the money, Abby. My feelings are hurt because my grandmother can’t accept me without a child.

Is there a way to broach the subject without sounding like I’m just after her money?

DISINHERITED GRANDCHILD IN COLORADO

DEAR DISINHERITED: How do you know you have been written out of your grandmother’s will? Did she tell you or did you hear it from someone else?

It would not be confrontational to tell your grandmother you were hurt when you heard the news because it made you feel “less than.” The decision whether or not to have a child is a personal one, and couples who don’t want to be parents are likely to make less than wonderful ones.

Your grandmother may or may not have changed her will because of your choice, but it’s also possible that she would like her assets to be passed down to grandchildren and beyond. You’ll never know unless you ask.

DEAR ABBY: What does someone who is an older adult do when she needs to be held and listened to, and when she has no one to do this with her?

I’m sure I’m not the only woman who has found herself in this situation. What do others do when this is needed? Sometimes I just need to be held, listened to and reassured.

IOWA READER

DEAR READER: The need for human contact is part of the human condition, and I can tell you what I did before I met my husband: When I was feeling down, I’d ask a friend for a hug, a willing ear and some reassurance. I can’t imagine anyone refusing. At some point everyone needs what you’re asking for.

Other ways to combat the blues include staying occupied with hobbies that interest you, socializing with friends and getting regular exercise. If readers would like to chime in and share what they do, I’ll be glad to pass along their suggestions.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I stopped at a rest stop to use the facilities. I noticed a man with a little girl who appeared to be about 3 years old go into the men’s bathroom. I wanted to ask if he would like me to take the child into the women’s bathroom while he waited outside the door for me to return her to him, however I hesitated and didn’t do it.

When my husband came back to the car I asked him what the child encountered in the men’s bathroom. He said she had to pass by the urinals with the men urinating. I felt terrible for not speaking up.

Would it have been wrong to volunteer to take the little girl into the women’s bathroom? Perhaps I’m too sensitive to matters like this, but I haven’t seen it addressed anywhere.

CONCERNED IN FLORIDA

DEAR CONCERNED: What the child encountered when her father took her into the men’s bathroom was probably a line of men with their backs to her, and I assume he took her into the stall toilet. However, it would have been kind of you to volunteer, and probably very much appreciated.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Sarah McLachlan to perform at autism fundraiser

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sarah McLachlan is ready to sing out in the fight against autism. The musician is the first performer announced for a fundraiser to benefit Autism Speaks, a leading national science and advocacy organization. Autism Speaks says the inaugural Blue Tie-Blue Jean Ball will be held Dec. 1 at the House of Blues in Los Angeles, with other stars to be announced. McLachlan has friends and colleagues whose families are affected by the disorder and says she was honored to be part of the group’s goals. Those goals include promoting awareness

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Qualifications:

- High School graduate or equivalent with minimum of at least 5 years experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails.
- Must know how to give instructions and supervision to his assistants.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills required.
- Full time with flexible working hours.

Cook (2)
Qualifications:

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION,	CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff,	NO. 07-0495
vs.	NOTICE OF SALE
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Defendants.	

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Petitioner, } **ACTION**
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Isabel I. Romolor } **SUMMONS**
Respondent. } **FOR**
 } **PUBLICATION**
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Dated this 25th day of October, 2011.
/s/ Clerk of Court

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: } **Civil Action**
EDWARD REYES } **No. 11-0279**
MENDIOLA, }
Decedent. }
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
Date: Dec. 20, 2011
Time: 1:30PM
Judge: Robert C. Naraja
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Margarita Mendiola Reyes**, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Letters of Administration. The attorney for Petitioner is **Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.**
The hearing on the Petition by **Margarita Mendiola Reyes**, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on **December 20, 2011 at 1:30PM**, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.
Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Decedent or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of this publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to **ROBERT TENORIO TORRES, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.**
Dated this 25th day of October 2011.
/s/ **BERNADITA A. SABLAN**
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The hearing on the Petition for Final Decree of Distribution has been set for the 29th day of November, 2011 at 1:30 pm, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.
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S P O R T S

NBA union: No deal; no fear of ultimatum, either



NEW YORK (AP)—NBA players made it clear Tuesday: No deal.

No fear of Commissioner David Stern's ultimatum, either.

"The current offer on the table from the NBA is one that we cannot accept," players' association president Derek Fisher said.

Instead, the players said they will ask for another meeting with owners before Stern's Wednesday afternoon deadline—and sound willing to agree to a 50-50 split of revenues under the right circumstances—in an attempt to end the lockout and save the season.

In an interview on NBA TV, Stern said that whether he agrees to meet "would be guided by the labor relations committee."

NBA spokesman Mike Bass said the league has not yet heard from Hunter.

A month of the season has already been lost, and the NBA risks losing fans without an agreement soon. Some already appear to have forgotten: Blake Griffin, last season's rookie of the year, stood around in the lobby of a busy hotel off Broadway and was rarely approached by fans.

The league's current proposal calls for play-

Stern refused to call it that.

"The players are saying that we understand their position, but unfortunately we're not intimidated by all that," Hunter said.

With more than 40 players ranging from All-Stars to minimum salary players behind them, Fisher and Hunter dismissed Stern's warning, had hard words for Michael Jordan and repeated that they are willing to negotiate and believe they have made more than enough economic concessions to get the salary cap system they want.

That message was not just for the owners.

They also were speaking to the players and agents who advocate disbanding the union in an attempt to take on the league in court. Union leaders said there was very little discussion about decertification, saying they understand there would be differences of opinion with a membership of 450, but that the team representatives summoned to New York knew the best interests of their teammates.

The union called the meeting after Stern issued his ultimatum early Sunday morning following an eight-hour bargaining session with a federal mediator. Fisher said 43 players, including superstars Carmelo Anthony and Griffin, at-



AP

Los Angeles Lakers' Derek Fisher, president of the NBA players' association, speaks during a news conference, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, in New York.

ers to receive between 49 percent and 51 percent of basketball-related income, though union officials argue it would be nearly impossible to get above 50.2 percent.

"The players are clearly of the mind that it's an unacceptable proposal," union executive director Billy Hunter said. "But because of their commitment to the game and their desire to play, they're saying to us that we want you to go back, see if you can go back, get a better deal."

If players don't take the deal by 5 p.m. Wednesday, the next offer will call for salary rollbacks, a 53-47 revenue split in the owners' favor and essentially a hard salary cap.

"Our proposal on the table now goes away (Wednesday)," Stern said. "Our next proposal will then go to the players, and we will see where negotiations go."

Players are willing to negotiate further on the revenue split if they get some concessions on the salary cap system. Without them, Fisher said "we don't see a way of getting a deal done between now and end of business" Wednesday.

The league is seeking to limit the spending options of teams above the luxury tax threshold, believing that would lead to greater competitive balance. Players want all teams to be options for free agents.

When asked if there's still wiggle room on system issues, Stern said that as of 3 a.m. Sunday there was none left.

The players insisted they will not be forced into taking a bad deal by an ultimatum—though

tended the meeting and that 29 of the 30 teams were represented.

Jordan provided perhaps the most memorable moment of the last lockout, chastising former Washington owner Abe Pollin that he should sell his team if he couldn't make a profit without concessions from players. Jordan now owns the Charlotte Bobcats and is considered one of the hardliners who never wanted Stern to offer the players a 50-50 split.

"I would give him the advice that he gave to Abe Pollin," Hunter said.

After the press conference, Fisher bumped into an old acquaintance from Arkansas, former President Bill Clinton, who was at the hotel preparing to appear on an evening talk show. Clinton signed a copy of his new book, "Back to Work," for Fisher as players looked on.

Next, Fisher would like to meet with Stern, believing there is room to compromise.

After previously saying they wouldn't go below 52.5 percent of BRI, players said Saturday they would be willing to go down to about 51 percent, with 1 percent going to a fund for retired player benefits.

They might go even further, but only with some movement on the system issues.

"We're open to discussions, open to negotiation," Fisher said. "We're open minded about potential compromises on our number, but there are things in the system that are not up for discussion that we have to have in order to able to get this season going."

Following ban, Penn State assistant coach ran camps



PHILADELPHIA
(AP)—A former Penn State assistant foot-

ball coach accused of sexually abusing boys held summer football camps at a satellite campus for six years after he was banned from taking youths onto the university's main campus by the athletics director and the senior vice president, who have been charged with failing to tell police about him.

Jerry Sandusky was prohibited from holding his youth sports camps on campus in 2002, the year a graduate student claimed to see him assault a child in a locker room shower. But Sandusky held the camps through his Sandusky Associates company from 2000 to 2008 at a satellite campus just outside Erie, Penn State Behrend spokesman Bill Gonda said.

"We provided the facilities for it," Gonda said Monday. "There were no allegations, no complaints during his tenure here."

Gonda referred questions about other issues, including whether the school knew about other allegations against Sandusky before allowing the camp to be held there, to officials at the main campus in State College, a four-hour drive southeast of Erie.

School spokeswoman Lisa Powers said Penn State Erie and Penn State Harrisburg provided facilities for Sandusky to run a summer football camp under his own name. She said Penn State Erie runs about 14 to 18 summer camps in a variety of sports. She said the Sandusky camp was among numerous sports and academic camps that ran on campus.

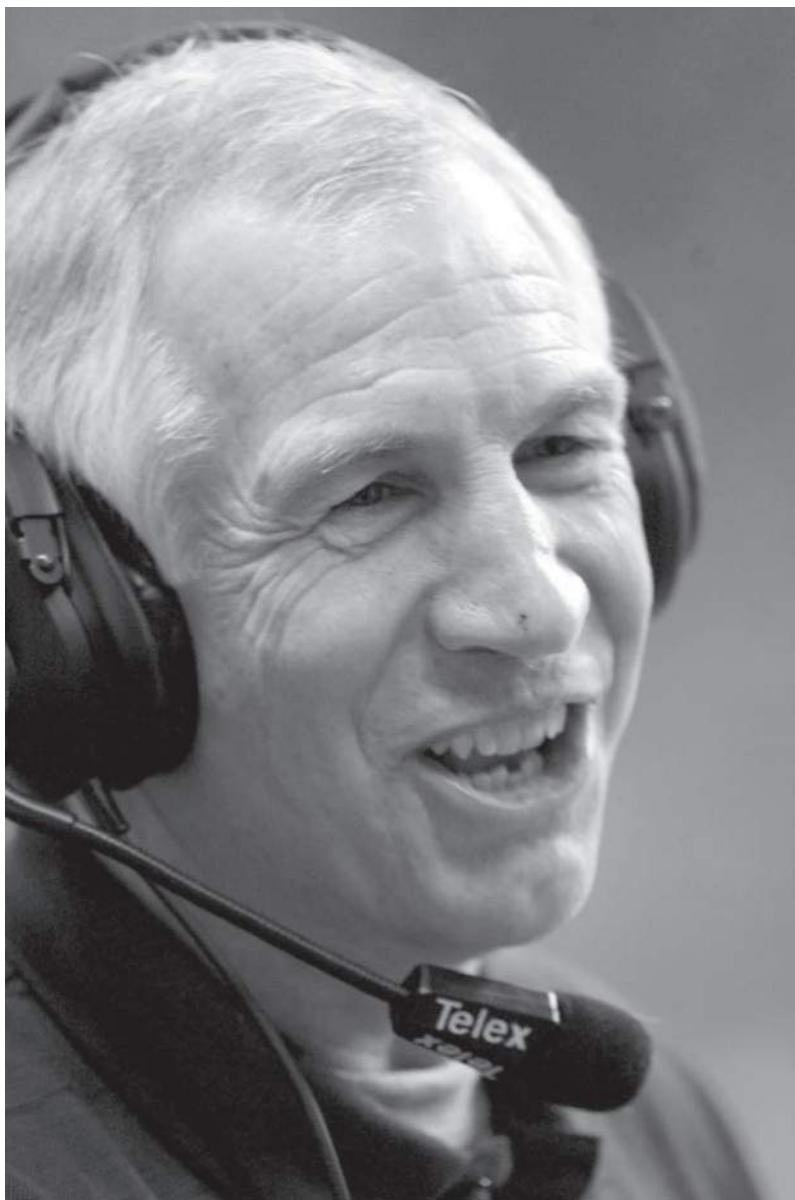
The Sandusky camp was first reported by the sports website Deadspin.

Sandusky operated football camps not only at the Behrend campus but also at Penn State Capital College in Middletown, Robert Morris University and Muhlenberg College, among others, according to his website, which is now offline.

The camp was aimed at students from fourth grade through high school and offered personal attention and coaching from Sandusky, who retired from Penn State in 1999 after learning that he would not be head coach Joe Paterno's successor.

Sandusky has been aware of the accusations against him for about three years and has maintained his innocence, his lawyer said.

The athletics director back then,



This Dec. 28, 1999 photo shows Penn State defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky on the sideline during the first quarter of the Alamo Bowl game against Texas A&M, in San Antonio, Texas.

Tim Curley, and the senior vice president, Gary Schultz, surrendered to authorities on Monday to face charges that they failed to alert police to complaints that Sandusky had sexually abused eight boys and that they lied to a state grand jury investigating the former defensive coordinator.

A grand jury report released Saturday, after Sandusky was charged with sexually abusing eight boys over a 15-year period, makes various references to Curley banning him from taking children into the athletics facilities, the football building, the football locker room and the main campus.

A spokesman for the state attorney general's office declined to comment further on the ban.

Curley and Schultz stepped down from their posts late Sunday, with Curley taking a temporary leave and

Schultz retiring. Their lawyers said they are innocent and will seek to have the charges against them dismissed. Schultz's lawyer said the men did what they were supposed to do by informing their superiors of the accusations against Sandusky.

The state police commissioner said Paterno fulfilled his legal requirement when he relayed to university administrators that the graduate assistant claimed to have seen Sandusky attacking a boy in the shower, but the commissioner questioned whether Paterno had a moral responsibility to do more.

Paterno, major college football's winningest coach, said he wasn't told "the very specific actions" contained in the grand jury report. He said in a statement that, if the allegations are true, "we grieve for the victims and their families."

Profanity-filled Washington recording on Internet



The Texas Rangers have determined one of their employees made an audio recording of the clubhouse speech manager Ron Washington gave to his players before Game 7 of the World Series.

The team investigated after the JoeSportsFan.com website posted the six-minute recording and said it was made by a member of the clubhouse staff it did not identify. The profanity-filled speech includes

Washington encouraging and laughing with his players.

"It's unacceptable. It was a private meeting for the team," general manager Jon Daniels said during a conference call Monday. "It was very poor judgment to tape it. That's not what that meeting was for."

Washington spoke to his team on Oct. 28, the day after the Rangers twice were within a strike of winning their first World Series title before losing Game 6 to the St. Louis Cardinals 10-9 in 11 innings. The

Rangers then lost Game 7 by a score of 6-2.

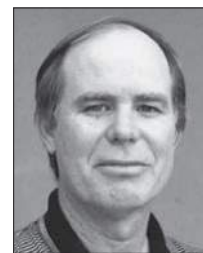
The employee did not intend for the recording to be made public, the Rangers said.

"My understanding is that it was shared with somebody close to the employee," Daniels said. "Unfortunately, it doesn't take too much to go from point A to point B."

The Rangers said they have handled the matter internally. Daniels would not specify what disciplinary measures had been taken. (AP)

An appreciation for Joe Frazier

By **TIM DAHLBERG**
AP Sports Columnist



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George Foreman's crushing right uppercut connected for the first time in Round 1 and, suddenly, the heavyweight champion of the world was on the canvas. At ringside, the shocking sight sent Howard Cosell into a frenzy.

"Down goes Frazah! Down goes Frazah! Down goes Frazah!" Cosell screamed into his ABC television microphone.

Across the ring, Foreman was thinking one thing: Please don't let Joe Frazier get up. "I saw him get up and I said to myself 'Oh boy, he's going to get me now,'" Foreman recalled Tuesday during a telephone interview. "You didn't want him getting up, and you really didn't want him getting up mad."

Get up Frazier did, only to go down again and again. Six times in all before the bell could sound to end the second round.

Yet there he was still, out on his feet but still upright and ready for more. Frazier wasn't going to surrender his heavyweight title until the referee mercifully put an end to the carnage in Jamaica.

"Joe Frazier wouldn't back away from King Kong," Foreman said. "Joe Frazier was one brave man."

Brave enough to take on the fearsome and much bigger Foreman in a fight he seemed destined to lose. Brave enough to hand Muhammad Ali his first loss and then almost fight to the death with him in the Philippines.

But that's what Frazier was. An undersized warrior who didn't know how to back down. A fighter to the core.

Understand that, and you understood Joe Frazier.

He kept getting up when Foreman knocked him down. He kept trying to fight Ali even though one eye was swollen shut and he couldn't see out of the other.

And he kept fighting for his rightful place in history until his death Monday night in Philadelphia at the age of 67.

"His pride and dignity made him fight to the end," Don King said. "Joe never forgave Muhammad Ali for what he did to him, but Joe Frazier proved that he wasn't only a great fighter but a great man."

I spent some time talking to Frazier earlier this year as he reminisced about his career and his life. The 40th anniversary of the Fight of the Century was looming, and Frazier was more than happy to talk about a memorable night long past.

No one in Madison Square Garden that night, it seemed, wanted him to beat Muhammad Ali. Not the fans who scraped together enough money to get a cheap seat in the rafters, and certainly not the celebrities and various rogues of the night who dressed in their finest to parade around ringside before the bout.

Frank Sinatra shot pictures for *Life* magazine from ringside. Barbra Streisand and Bill Cosby watched from seats just a few steps away.

They saw Frazier do what no man had done before—beat the great Ali. If that wasn't enough, he knocked Ali down in the 15th round with one of his classic left hooks to seal the deal.

I can't go nowhere where it's not mentioned," Frazier said. "That was the greatest thing that ever happened in my life."

He fought Ali the way he fought everyone, with his chin planted on his opponent's shoulder, because that was the only way he could fight. Frazier barely stood 5-foot-10, never weighed more than 205 or so. He wasn't going to beat people with his physical skills, so he figured out a way to keep relentless pressure on until he could find a way to land a left hook that surely was one of the most beautiful punches in boxing.

It didn't work against Foreman because Foreman was simply too big, too powerful. Ali found a way to beat him in their final two fights, too, including a fight so epic that boxing people simply shake their heads when asked what happened at the Thrilla in Manila.

Ali would later say it was the closest thing he ever knew to death. Though blinded by his swollen eyes, Frazier still tried to fight the 15th round against one of the greatest fighters ever.

The bitterness toward Ali that Frazier carried throughout the rest of his life was especially rooted in that fight. Ali called him a gorilla, an Uncle Tom. When Frazier returned home, his children asked why the other kids at school were saying the same thing.

"Joe could never forgive him for that," King said over the phone. "But you have to know the times, the race struggle in America. Joe couldn't understand why some of the blacks looked at him with disdain and then extolled Muhammad Ali. But Smokin' Joe was an integral part of history. That fight changed things for a lot of people. It changed the respect paid when people would look at other people of color."

That fight changed things for Frazier, too. Neither he nor Ali were ever the same after the brutal bout, and Frazier would have only one more meaningful fight, a second knockout loss to Foreman.

He would burn through all the riches he made in the ring, ending up in an apartment over his gym in Philadelphia. But he loved to make appearances, loved to be with fans, as he was in September when he signed memorabilia in Las Vegas.

"Joe Frazier, sharp as a razor," he told them.

Ali put out a statement saying he would always remember Frazier with respect and admiration, something Frazier surely would have scoffed at.

In the end, he'll go down as one of the great heavyweights ever, a man who fought hard in Ali's shadow, then fought even harder to get out of it.

"All he wanted to do was beat up Muhammad Ali one more time," Foreman said. "Maybe someday in heaven he'll have a chance to do it."

CGK Ballers, Next Generation win Halloween 3-on-3 caging

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REPORTER



CGK Ballers and Next Generation reigned supreme in their respective U14 and U12 divisions of Rollers Basketball Club's 2011 GCDC Halloween 3-on-3 Tricks or Treat Youth Basketball Tourney held over the weekend at the Garapan Basketball Court.

The event was originally scheduled over the holiday weekend, but was postponed due to rain.

The Ballers downed the GF Rollers, 20-16, in the U14 finals held after Next Generation's 16-10 victory over Dynamite in the U12 championship.

The Ballers are composed of Ted Vivero, Emerson Fera, and Irvyn Malonzo, while Next Generation is made up of Kyle Rios, Jethro Cruz, Wilfredo



U14's CGK Ballers, left, and U12's Next Generation were crowned champions of the 2011 GCDC Halloween 3-on-3 Tricks or Treat Youth Basketball Tourney that concluded over the weekend at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Francisco, and Jerald Castillo.

The U14 title match was neck and neck after the first half as the two teams felt each other out. At the break, the count was knotted up at 6-all and both teams picked up the pace in the second half.

Vivero came alive with six points in the clutch to go with a pair of buckets in support from Fera and Malonzo.

Rollers' J.P. Iglesias scrambled for seven markers at crunch time, but came up a little short.



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He would finish with a game-high nine points, while Malonzo's eight led the Ballers.

In the U12 match, Next Generation managed an 8-6 lead at halftime and held strong in the second half. Kyle Rios scored the first two baskets of the game

and capped off the final field goal to secure the victory.

Dynamite's C.J. Morales was held to four points early on and was neutralized in the clutch.

"Rain hindered the start up of the tourney, but we were grateful for good weather this past

weekend and the kids had a lot of fun. I'd like to thank House Vice Speaker Felicidad T. Ogu-moro and Rep. Edmund Vil-lagome, National Office Sup-ply, Micronesians Brokers Inc., Josephine Kapileo, Jerry Tan and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, and IT&E for helping sponsor the event. I also want to thank all of the parents for their unfail-ing support," stated RBC head coach Joe Diaz in an email.

U14 Finals

CGK Ballers 20 – Malonzo 8, E. Fera 6, Vivero 6.

GF Rollers 16 – Iglesias 9, Ano 4, Camacho 3.

Scoring by halves: 6-6, 20-16.

U12 Finals

Next Generation 12 – Rios 6, Francisco 4, Cruz 2.

Dynamite 10 – Fera 4, Mo-ales 4, Abobo 2.

Scoring by halves: 8-6, 12-10.

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Sablan made the dagger in the last 1.1 seconds, which Shirley's players claimed shouldn't have been counted because the former didn't had enough time. The host team contested the basket referee Arnold Mesa counted. Shirley's also argued that the basket was only a 2-pointer not a triple.

The controversial play started with Gus Palacios inbound-ing the ball from the right sideline and Sablan receiving it after coming off a screen. He then dribbled toward the right key and pulled up for a double-clutch shot that banked as time expired.

PSS players celebrated af-

ter the shot, while Shirley's cagers approached Mesa and challenged the call. They even showed Mesa a video of the last play. After seeing the video, Mesa retracted his earlier decision, but PSS' James Lee argued that the referee's first call was final. Mesa went on to huddle with fellow referees Gilbert Espinosa and Toto Banatasa and the former had another change of heart, saying PSS won off Sa-blan's triple.

A video of the last play was posted on Facebook yesterday and it showed that although the basket was indeed made at the buzzer, it was only a 2-pointer not a triple. When Sablan received the inbound pass, he dribbled only once, not twice as Shirley's players claimed. Then he leaned toward defend-

ers Wowie Abuel and Rommel Usi and had his right foot slid-ing into the green paint and his left foot outside the white 3-point mark when he went up for the big shot. For a triple to be counted, both feet should be outside the 3-point arc.

Shirley's could have used the video to contest the match, but it decided not to place the game under protest.

Sablan's crucial shot came after Rommel Usi hit a baseline jumper off Marlon De Dios' drop pass to give Shirley's an 87-85 lead. PSS sued for time with 1.1 seconds remaining and left its fate on Sablan's hands.

Before connecting on the triple, Sablan muffed a bundle of treys and made only one in the first three periods. PSS' several attempts and misses from down-

town allowed Shirley's to take control of the game midway in the second quarter and lead by as much as 14 twice in the third period, 59-45 and 65-51.

Then Kelvin Fital and James Villacrusis came into PSS' rescue late in the third, while Sa-blan's short jumper forced the first deadlock in the second half, 70-all. It was a nip-and-tuck game from thereon with PSS getting the breaks in the end to improve to a 4-1 record for a share of second place with de-fending champion PIC/NVM.

Shirley's dropped to a sorry 0-5 record.

DFS 93, Grillin' 87

In the first game, DFS Galle-ria survived Grillin's second-half rally to take its fifth win in six games and join Mobil

in the lead.

DFS led at the break, 50-35, but was held to 12 points in the third period and fell behind 62-67, with only a quarter left in the game. Only three play-ers scored for DFS in the third, while four Grillin' bets com-bined for 30 of the team's 32 markers in that canto.

In the fourth quarter, Pete Iguel, who was limited to one field goal and a free throw in the third, sizzled for 13 points, while Jack Lizama and Dan Barcinas added eight and seven to save DFS.

Grillin', which dropped to a 1-4 record, failed to pull off another upset when only Rocyl Ritual and Leo Galarse tallied more than two points in the fi-nal canto. Grillin' notched its first win last weekend after

stunning PIC/NVM,

First Game

DFS Galleria 93 – Iguel 26, Lizama 16, Jung 13, Barcinas 12, Guiab 11, White 5, Chavez 4, Rivera 2, Larriozza 2.

Grillin' 87 – Lerio 21, Ritual 17, Pagarao 16, Galarse 16, Kintz 10, Hernandez 7.

Scoring by quarters: 22-19, 50-35, 62-67, 93-87.

Second Game

PSS/McGraw-Hill 88 – Fi-tial 25, Villacrusis 25, Sablan 14, Mendez 6, Cabrera 6, Itibus 4, Villagomez 2, Palacios 1.

Shirley's 87 – De Dios 27, Bernardo 18, Barrios 17, Se-dillo 10, Usi 8, Abuel 4, Nicdao 2, Peredo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-17, 39-45, 58-67, 88-87.

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six minutes later.

It took KFAS 13 minutes to light up the scoreboard again, but when it did the goals were made in streaks with Kang scoring in the 73rd and Cho in the 74th and 75th. Kang went on to post his fourth goal in the game in the 80th minute,

while Young Ja Hwang gave KFAS its last goal, scoring in the 85th minute.

MP United B answered with only two goals in the second half against KFAS' eight. Yoon nailed his second goal in the 70th minute, while Seoung Joon Lee scored three minutes before the 90-minute game ended.

SKY FC 5, Matansa 1
In other Group B match, SKY

FC also broke into the win col-umn after dropping its first two games.

Guang Lin Li tallied a pair of goals, while Ji Myun Lee, Chong Koo Gil, and Min Jong Choi added one each to snap SKY FC's losing skid. Only TJ Gurung scored for Matansa, which has yet to win after two games.

Gil put SKY FC in the board with his goal in the 14th minute, while Gurung made the equal-

izer in the 40th minute. Then three minutes before the first half wrapped up, Li scored his first goal to bring SKY FC back into the driver's seat.

SKY FC goalkeeper Charlie Jo went on to play steady on defense, shutting out Matansa strikers in the second half, while Lin, Lee, and Choi took care of business on offense.

Wild Bill's 3, MP United A 1

In the battle of undefeated teams in Group A, Wild Bill's prevailed over MP United A.

Wild Bill's now has a 3-0-0 win-draw-loss card, while MP United A fell to a 2-0-1 slate.

Adul Detdon and Jeeraphong Thoensaket scored one goal apiece for Wild Bill's, which was awarded an own goal off an error from MP United A's Moon Bin Hong.

Detdon first made it to the

scoreboard with his goal in the 17th minute, while the own goal came eight minutes later, giving Wild Bill's a 2-0 half-time lead.

Thoensaket padded the lead to three, 3-0, when he scored in the 70th minute, while Ho Jin Woo ended MP United A's long silence with a goal in the 76th minute.

Jewell led the Geckos with 19 points. Notably, every SIS scor-er finished in double digits.

SIS 77 – Jewell 19, Roberts 18, Hudkins 16, Chun 14, Frink 10.

SSHS 54 – Duenas 37, Joseph 6, Lizama 5, Bartolo 2, Libunao 2, Santos 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-12, 34-17, 52-38, 77-54.

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(1-3) at 5:30pm preceded by the schools' junior varsity matchup at 4:30pm. SIS played KHS yesterday.

SIS jumped out to an early 16-12 lead in the opening 10 minutes. Abby Hudkins paced

the Lady Geckos with six points in the period, while SSHS' Rox-anne Duenas buried a couple of late 3-pointers to keep the Lady Rays at bay.

SIS then jumped ahead, 34-17, at the half as Zoe Jewell and Amber Roberts tallied six mark-ers apiece in the second quar-ter. SSHS was limited to just a handful of points in the period.

SSHS tried to ignite a rally in the third quarter, but SIS re-mained on the attack and pre-served a 52-38 margin heading into the final period.

Duenas came alive with a string of 10 points in the third quarter to finish with 16 in the period, but the game remained out of reach, as she only re-ceived five points from her

teammates.

Meanwhile, SIS' Phalai Frink came off the bench and scored six points to keep the Lady Geckos in control.

Duenas scrambled for 10 more points in the final period, and al-though she finished with a whop-ping 37 points, SIS neutralized her effort with strategic teamwork.

SIS players did a great job

finding open teammates and their shooting percentage was through the roof during the entire second half. SIS also out-rebounded the Lady Rays and played stiff, clean defense throughout the match.

Jewell and Ashley Chun com-bined for 15 points in the clutch to keep the pressure on the Lady Rays.

Ocean Point and the final round will take place at Kingfisher. Showtimes are set at 9am with 10:30am shotgun starts.

The season-ending awards ceremony will be held at a later date. Its venue and time are still pending.

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Notably, Jun Eun Teack won closest to the pin on hole No. 6, Manny Blas on hole No. 8, and Ray San Nicolas on hole No. 12.

In addition, Blas, Nick Sa-blan, and Larry De Leon Guer-rero each bagged a birdie, while Teack took the longest drive honors on hole No. 7 with De Leon Guerrero pulling off the same feat on hole No. 14.

Fajardo joins past monthly

winners Tony I. DeLeon Guer-rero (January), John Cruz (Febru-ary), Nick C. Sablan (March), Ed-ward Manibusan (April), Ray M. San Nicolas (May), Jose I. Sablan (June), Danny Quitugua (July), Steve Balakrishna (August), Frances Sablan (September), and

Das Krishnan (October).

Nineteen members still have a chance to win an Ace title this year in SGA's December Ace of the Month, which is set to tee off at 10:30am this Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort's west course.

Show time is 9am.

The December Ace inciden-tally will also serve as SGA's Annual Turkey Shoot.

SGA's finale Ace of Aces Championship, meanwhile, is scheduled from Nov. 26 to 27. Day 1 will be held at Coral

NMA All Schools Cross-Country Series 2

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A group of runners leisurely run along the shore.



A barefoot runner is about to complete the first lap of the race.



Two U14 runners sprint to the finish line.



Runners in the U18 division head out north of the course in Susupe during the NMA All Schools Cross-Country Series 2 last Saturday.



Siblings Tammy and Dylan Ackerman of Saipan Community School runs along the shore in Susupe.



Marianas High School's Michael Mancao leads the U18 race after one lap.



A volunteer instructs a runner to head back to the starting line for the second lap of the race.



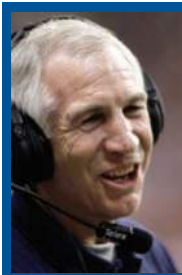
Hopwood's Mikayla Lopez heads out of the shore to complete the two-lap race.



A U14 runner sprints to the finish line.



Saipan Community School's Elnathan Wong competes in the U12 two-lap race.



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Controversial triple lifts PSS past Shirley's



PSS/McGraw Hill's Dave Sablan, center, drives against Shirley's Kae Bernardo, left, and Ariel Drilon during the second quarter of their game in the Shirley's caging last Tuesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Dave Sablan drilled a buzzer-beating trey to power PSS/McGraw-Hill to a thrilling 88-87 win over host Shirley's during the second game in the 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League last Tuesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Fajardo tops SGA November Ace tourney

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Saipan Golfers Association president Mariano Fajardo won the club's November Ace of the Month Tournament held last Oct. 23 at the

Kingfisher Golf Links.

Mariano actually finished third place out of a field of 15 with his net score of 71, but he won the title as first place finisher Das Krishnan and runner-up Jose I. Sablan already won previous SGA monthly competitions, making them ineligible for the November plum.

Krishnan ruled the day with a net tally of 68 that was complemented by closest to the pin honors on hole No. 15 and a pair of birdies.

Sablan tied Fajardo with a 71 net card, but was awarded a second place based on the SGA tiebreaker rules.

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Fajardo

KFAS clobbers MP United B



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Jin Wook Cho of KFAS gets ready to kick the ball during the first half of their game against MP United B in the NMIFA men's league last Sunday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

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Korean Football Association on Saipan recovered big time from its previous loss after demolishing MP United 2, 10-3, in the second game of the 2011 NMIFA Men's Fall League last Sunday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.



KFAS, which dropped its season debut against Inter Godfather's, 1-5, came out in its second game with a lot of weapons in its arsenal to barge into the win column in Group B. MP United B absorbed its first loss in two games after winning by for-

feiture over SKY FC during the fall league opener.

Sung Ho Kang fired up KFAS' offense with his goal in the 24th minute. Jin Han Yoon also found the back of the net in the first half to even up the scoreboard. Then with only two minutes gone by in the second half, Kang canned his second goal to give KFAS the lead anew.

KFAS went on to score one goal after another, following Kang's early conversion in the second half. Jin Wook Cho hit back-to-back goals in a span of two minutes (52nd and 54th), while Zhi Quiang An scored

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Lady Geckos stun Manta Rays in girls basketball

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Saipan International School Lady Geckos dismantled the Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays, 77-54, in their Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization girls basketball matchup Tuesday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

SIS notched its second win in five games, snapping a three-game losing streak, while gaining a game on SSSHS (3-3) in the standings.

The season concludes today with undefeated MHS (5-0) taking on Kagman High School

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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Saipan International School's Zoe Jewell takes a shot from close range against two Saipan Southern High School defenders during their MISO girls basketball game last Tuesday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.